ARTICLES: A, AN, THE

Use “a” or “an” to signify non-specific singular count nouns

“A” is used before nouns that begin with a consonant sound

A figurine
A ewe
A cave

“An” is used before nouns that begin with a vowel sound

An eruption
An FBI agent
An apple

Use “the” for specific nouns, known to the audience

The lakes in Wisconsin
The people who work for Starbucks
The morning announcements

Proper nouns
Omit “the” for

Streets/Squares/Parks
Cities/States/Counties
Non-United/Plural Countries
Continents
Bays and Lakes
Mountains and Islands

14th Street
Las Vegas
Canada
North America
Lake Las Vegas
Mount Charleston
**Propernouns**

*Use “the” for*

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