

# a / an / the

*The Determiner Card - tells the reader which noun we mean*

<b>a</b>	Use before <b>consonant SOUNDS</b> : <b>a</b> dog   <b>a</b> tree   <b>a</b> school <b>a</b> unit (sounds like "yoo")
<b>an</b>	Use before <b>vowel SOUNDS</b> (a, e, i, o, u): <b>an</b> apple   <b>an</b> egg   <b>an</b> orange <b>an</b> honest answer (silent h)
<b>the</b>	Use when both writer and reader know which one: <b>the</b> sun   <b>the</b> Queen   <b>the</b> book on my desk Don't use for general statements: Cats are clever (NOT "The cats are clever")

## Other Determiners

**Whose?** my, your, his, her, our, their, its

**Which one?** this, that, these, those

**How many?** one, two, three, many, some, all, few

<b>Rule</b>	<b>First time</b> mentioning a noun → use <b>a</b> or <b>an</b> <b>Later</b> when the noun is known → use <b>the</b> <i>I saw <b>a</b> dog. <b>The</b> dog was muddy.</i>
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