

# When to use

**a** or **the:**



# A

Used for objects that are not specific or one of several things of a similar type.

➡ I need a phone.

You don't mind what phone you get, as long as you get a phone to call someone with.



Used the first time we introduce an object.

➡ I saw a movie last night.

You are telling someone what you did.



# THE



Used for something that is unique or there is only one.

➡ the sun; the moon; the internet.

Objects that both the speaker and the listener know.



Used when we mention the object again.

➡ The movie made me feel very sad.

Now you are talking about the specific movie that you talked about earlier.





# A OR THE

Choose a or the to complete the following sentences:

1. There is \_\_\_\_\_ cat stuck in that tree.
2. If you are feeling sick, you need to go see \_\_\_\_\_ doctor.
3. I feel like watching \_\_\_\_\_ movie.
4. Did you watch \_\_\_\_\_ tennis match on Saturday?
5. Can I please have \_\_\_\_\_ glass of water.
6. Did you see how full \_\_\_\_\_ moon was last night?
7. Are you going to make me \_\_\_\_\_ sandwich?



# A OR THE

Choose a or the to complete the following sentences:

1. There is a cat stuck in that tree.
2. If you are feeling sick, you need to go see a doctor.
3. I feel like watching a movie.
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Let's always try to remember  
when and where to use a or the.

