Language structure:

a, an or the

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When to use a, an or the:

Before we start:

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A OR AN?

a OR an?

an

Yes!

No!

Does the next word begin with a vowel sound?

A E I O U?

a

Look at these examples:

a   e   i   o   u

cat   pencil   orange

goat   alligator   earring

envelope   igloo   Alice band

flower   egg   dolphin

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Now that we know when to use a or an, let's take a look at when we will use '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, AN or THE

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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?

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Let's always try to remember when and where to use a, an or the.