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| **STENCIL 7C: ARTICLE OR NO ARTICLE** |

**This stencil discusses the use of:**

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| 1. **the indefinite article (a/an)**
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| 1. **the definite article (the)**
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| 1. **zero article (no article)(x)**
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| 1. **THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE**
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| **A (een)** | **AN (een)** |
| **You use “a” when the following word (so, the first word following “a”) starts with a consonant** **(when pronouncing this word)** | **You use “an” when the following word (so, the** **the first word following “an”) starts with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u)** **(when pronouncing the word)** |
| **a dog****a woman****a cat****a man****a note****a unit****a uniform** | **an apple****an egg****an ice cream****an orange****an uncle****an hour****an m** |

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| **YOU USE “A/AN” WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT SOMEONE OR SOMETHING UNSPECIFIED. YOU USE THESE WORDS WHEN YOU MENTION SOMEONE OR SOMETHING FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN YOU ARE TALKING OR WRITING.** |

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| **2.THE DEFINITE ARTICLE** |

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| **The definite article “THE” must be pronounced in different ways.** |

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| **“THE” pronounced as** **[thu]****(the first letter of the following word is a consonant, when pronouncing the word)** | **“THE” pronounced as [thi]****(the first letter of the following word is a vowel, when pronouncing the word)** | **“THE” pronounced as [thie]****(you want to stress the importance of the following word)** |
| **the man****the dog****the cat****the table****the unit****the uniform** | **the apple****the egg****the ice cream****the orange****the uncle****the m in this word**  | **the Robin van Persie !?****the latest IPAD !?****the Prince Charles !?** |

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| **YOU USE “THE” WHEN IT IS CLEAR WHICH PERSON OR THING YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT** |

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| **3.ZERO ARTICLE (NO ARTICLE)(-)** |

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| **THIS IS THE SITUATION WHERE YOU DON’T USE ANY ARTICLE AT ALL. YOU DON’T USE THE ARTICLE WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT PERSONS OR THINGS IN GENERAL.** |

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| **Bananen zijn duur.** | **Bananas are expensive.** |
| **Honden zijn niet vies.** | **Dogs aren’t dirty.** |
| **Mensen zijn goedgelovig.** | **People are gullible.** |
| **Ik houd van mooie fietsen.** | **I like beautiful bikes.** |