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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)** |
| 1. **the definite article (the)** |
| 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.** |