

A, an – (indefinite article)

We use a when we speak about something for the first time.

I met **a** man in the street. I have **a** son. We lived in **a** big house.

jobs – She is **a** teacher.

Expressions of quantity: **a** little, **a** few, once **a** week, **a** couple of days

in exclamations with what : What **a** lovely day! What **a** pity!

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The – definite article (with singular, plural, C and U nouns)

when both speaker and listener know the thing or idea referred to

I'm going to **the** supermarket. Do you want anything? (we both know that shop)

I have a cat. **The** cat is very old. (when you speak about something for the second or more time)

The chair looks dangerous. (This, we both know it)

with seas, rivers, hotels, museums, newspapers, mountain ranges (pohoří)

The River Thames, **the** Atlantic, **the** Hilton, **the** British museum, **The** Times, **the** Alps are ideal for skiing.

before radio, cinema and theater, Internet, countries with republic or kingdom

listen to **the** radio, go to **the** cinema, go to **the** theater, on **the** Internet, **the** Czech Republic, **the** UK

We use the before musical instrument while talking about ability to play them.

I can play **the** piano.

With families **The** Simpsons **with superlatives** – the biggest, the oldest, the most beautiful

before nationality adjectives to mean the people from that country. I do not like **the** French much.

if something is unique **the** sun, **the** world, **the** Government, **the** moon

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No article

talking in general Children are noisy. Cats eat mice. I like potatoes. Milk is good for you.

Before countries, towns, languages, meals, airports, mountains

Spain, Prague, Czech, Mount Everest, Corsica, Portugal

before some places and forms of transport

go by bus, by plane, by train, be at work, at home, at school, go to bed, go to church

We use no article before breakfast, lunch, dinner.

I usually do not have much time to eat (have) breakfast, have lunch, dinner

We use no article before noun + number We stayed in room 13. Turn to page 63. Look at page 3.

most – jako většina: most people in the C.R. drink beer.

What + unc. noun – What awful weather! What loud music!