



# LECTURE 1

## A AN THE

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# A/an and the

*A/an* and *the* are articles

They are a type of determiner and they go before a noun.

❑ *A/an* before a noun shows that what is referred to is not already known to the speaker, listener,

✓ Do you have **a** car?

✓ A: Do you live in **a** house?

✓ B: No, actually, I live in **an** apartment.:

- *The* before a noun shows that what is referred to *is already known*.

*Where did we park the car?*



• *A / An / The*

*Should not be used neither with  
verbs nor defined nouns.*

*London .. X (a – an – the)*

*live (v.) .. X (a – an – the)*



*The use of (a – an) is based on  
the pronunciation / the  
phonetic transcript*

For example:

One .. /w<sup>^</sup>n/ .. **A** one

Eight .. /eɪt/ .. **An** eight

Vowel sounds: a , e , i , o , u



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