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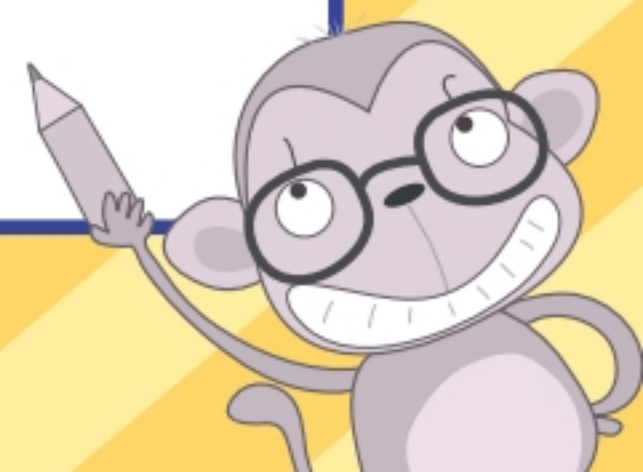
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Grammar Rules

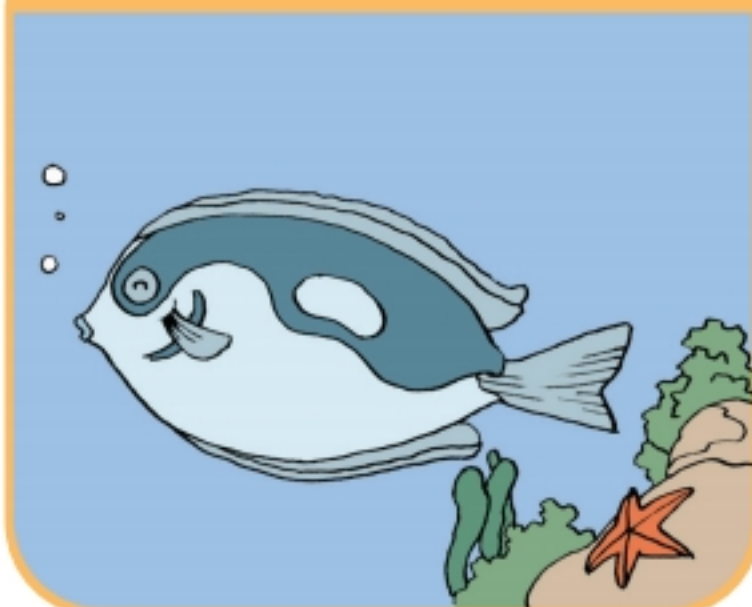
Articles — the words **a**, **an**, and **the**

A / An (indefinite article = any one): **a** fish, **an** animal, **a** robot, **an** onion

The (definite article = a specific one, one of a kind, or all of a kind):
the fish in the sea, **the** animals in the zoo, **the** sky, **the** piano

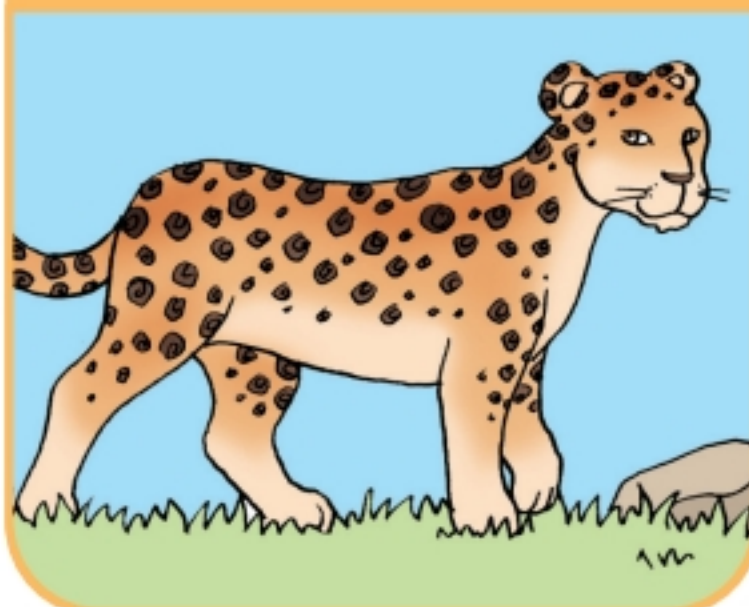
1 a, an, the

a fish



Hello, I'm **a** fish.
I live in **the** sea.

an animal



Hello, I'm **an** animal.
I live on **the** land.

the sun



Hello, I'm **the** sun.
I live up in **the** sky.

Grammar Corner

- Eat **a** cookie. Eat **the** chocolate cookie on the table.
(any cookie) (specific cookie)
- **The** sun and **the** moon are in **the** sky.
(sun, moon, and sky are all one of a kind)
- She can play **the** piano.
(all of a kind; She can play all pianos.)

2 the



This is **a** dog.
The dog is black and white.



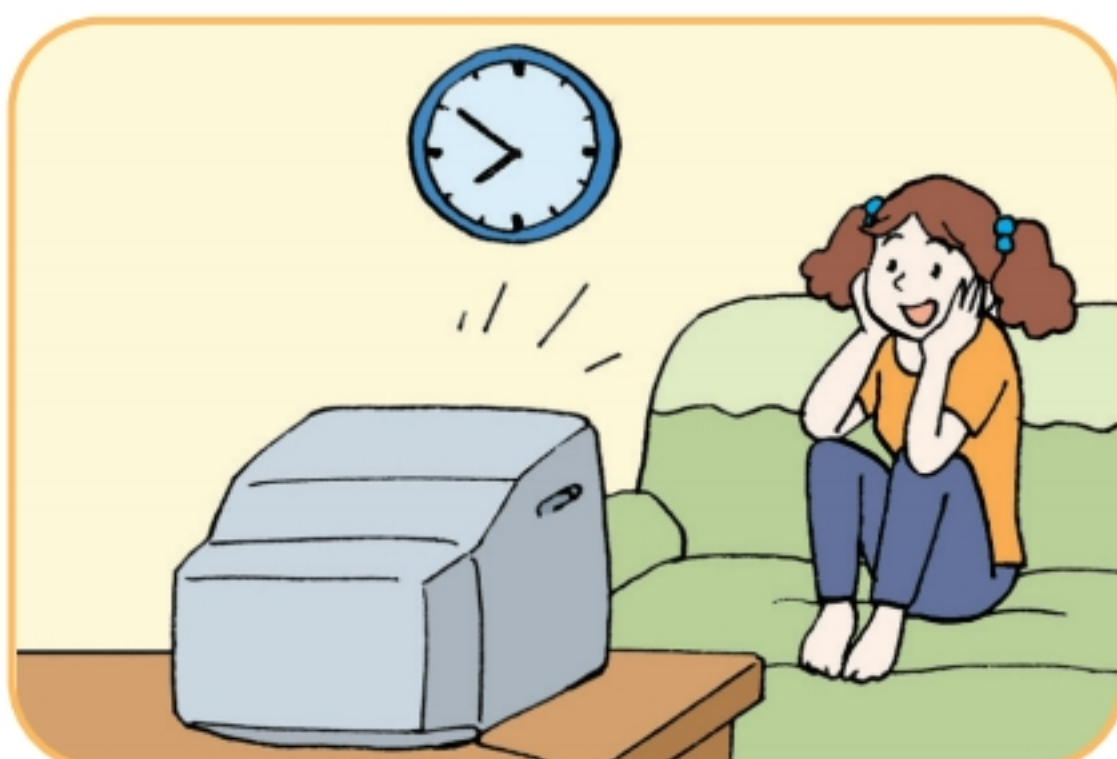
These are cats.
The cats are in the basket.



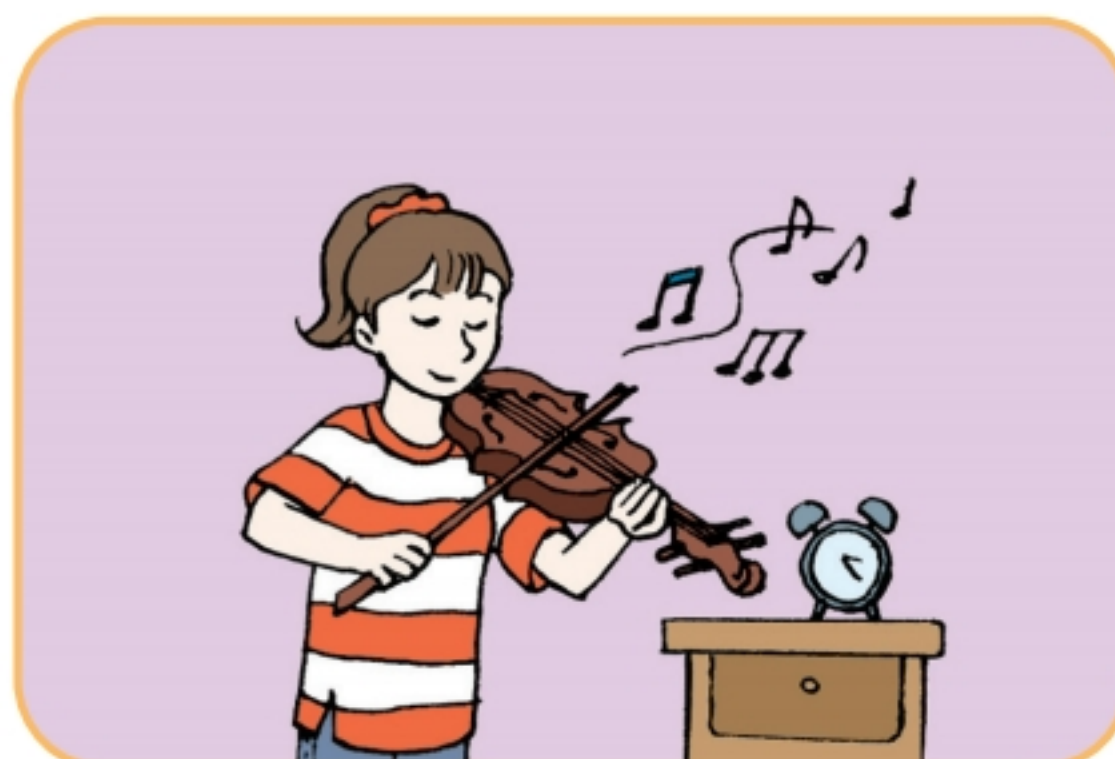
I jog in **the** morning.



I play soccer in **the** afternoon.



I watch TV in **the** evening.



I play **the** violin sometimes.

Grammar Corner

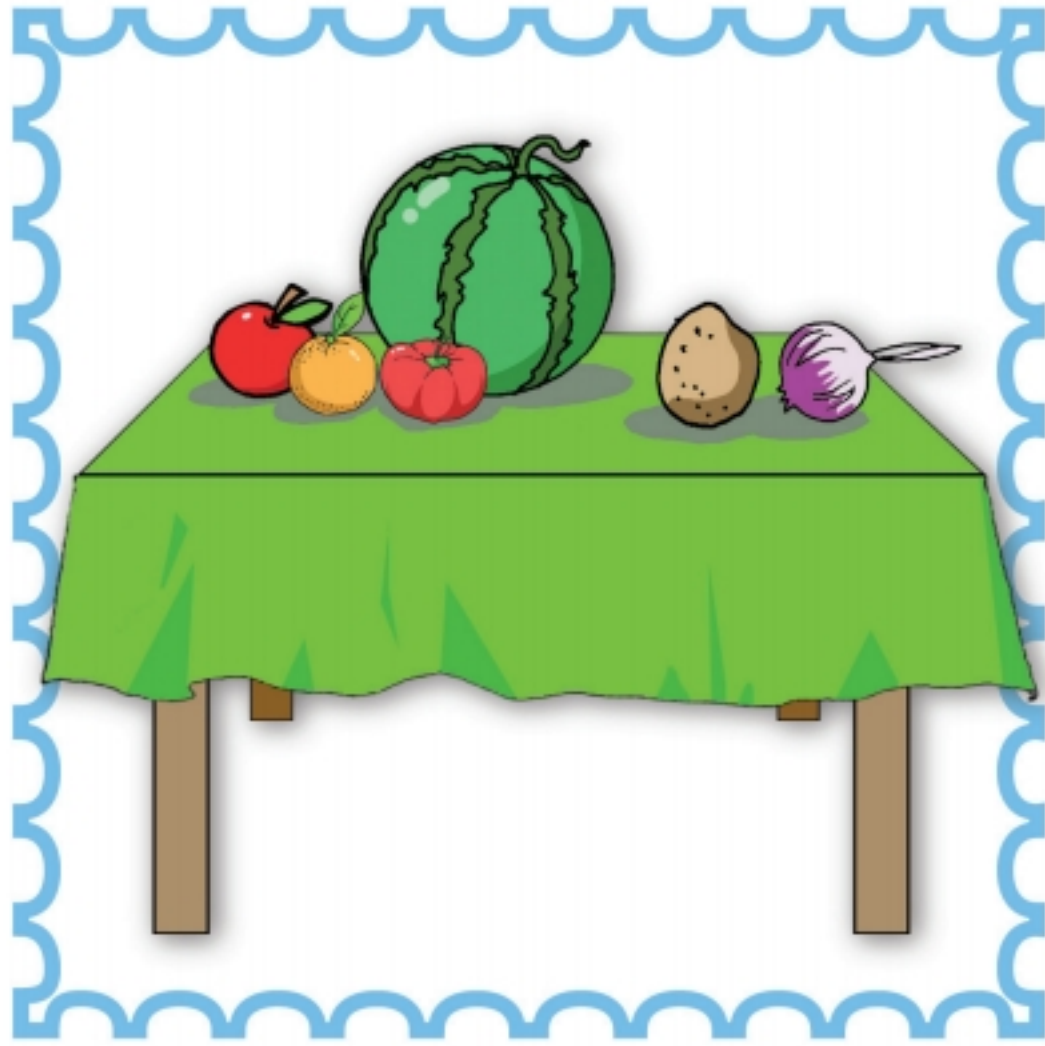
I have **a** box.
The box is big.

I see **a** star.
The star is bright.

I am reading **a** book.
The book is good.

Exercises

A Name the things on the table using *a* or *an*.



1. a potato
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

B Correct the articles.

1. A sun is in the sky.

The sun is in the sky.

2. It's very hot in an afternoon.

3. I see a cat. A cat is cute!

4. Can you play a piano? Yes, I can.

5. I have a robot. A robot is blue.

C Circle the correct articles.

- | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 1. I have | a / an / the | piano. |
| 2. We can see | a / an / the | moon. |
| 3. She can play | a / an / the | guitar. |
| 4. Look! There is | a / an / the | fish! |
| 5. I am reading | a / an / the | book. |
| 6. He has | a / an / the | daughter. |

D Read and complete the letter.

Dear Pen Pal,

Hi, I'm Judy. I live in the U.S.A.

Do you have a dog?

I have a dog. It is smart and cute.

For lunch I eat _____ orange and _____ hamburger.

How about you?

I jog in _____ morning.

I play _____ violin in _____ evening.

Now, it's time to go to bed. Good-bye.