

INDEFINITE (a/an)	DEFINITE (the)
<p>New information:</p> <p>She is working on a new project. (= zatím o tom projektu nic <i>nevíme</i>)</p>	<p>Thing that is already known somehow:</p> <p>The project is very important. (= už bylo <i>zmíněno</i>, že je to projekt, na kterém pracuje)</p>
<p>One, expressions of quantity, frequency etc.:</p> <p>We bought an apple. (= We bought <i>one</i> apple.) I feel a little tired. They exercise twice a week.</p>	<p>Unique things (only one exists in the world or in the given context):</p> <p>Look at the Moon. (= <i>Víc Měsíců neexistuje.</i>) I forgot my wallet in the car. (= mám jenom <i>jedno</i> auto.)</p>
<p>Saying what something or someone is or wants to be:</p> <p>My uncle is a lawyer. I want to be a lawyer too. Mercedes is a brand of cars.</p>	<p>Before superlatives:</p> <p>He is the best lawyer in town. They are the most popular cars in Europe.</p>
<p>Meaning “nějaký”:</p> <p>I want to buy a house. (= chci si koupit <i>nějaký</i> dům, nemám jasnou představu který)</p>	<p>Meaning “ten” (“ta”, “to”, ...):</p> <p>I want to buy the house. (= <i>ten</i> dům si chci koupit, přesně <i>tento</i> a žádný jiný)</p>

ZERO ARTICLE	
<p>General statements:</p> <p>Ice is cold. (= všechny led obecně je studený) Doctors save lives. (= máme na mysli doktory obecně)</p>	<p><u>BUT:</u> The ice is melting. (= konkrétní led v pití, na silnici atd.) The doctors saved my life. (= zachránili mě konkrétní doktoři, kteří mě ošetřovali)</p>
<p>Fixed prepositional phrases:</p> <p>at home, at work, at school by plane, by car, by bus out of time, out of money in hospital, in prison, in church (= pokud mluvíme o instituci obecně, např. They put him in prison for murder. = prostě ho poslali do vězení, je jedno kterého)</p>	<p><u>BUT:</u> in the hospital, in the prison, in the church (pokud mluvíme o konkrétní nemocnici, věznici, kostele, např. He works in the prison as a guard. = pracuje jako dozorce v nějaké konkrétní věznici, ne ve vězení obecně)</p>
<p>Plural and uncountable nouns where you would normally put indefinite article <i>a/an</i> if they were singular:</p> <p>I don't go to business meetings very often. I want to buy new lights. My parents are teachers.</p>	<p>I haven't been to a business meeting for a long time. I want to buy a new light. My mum is a teacher.</p>
<p>Before breakfast, lunch, dinner etc.:</p> <p>We usually have dinner at 6 o'clock. (= večeříme) Dinner is the most important meal of the day. (= večeře obecně, každý den)</p>	<p><u>BUT:</u> Sorry, I have a dinner with a client. (= mám naplánovanou/domluvenou večeři s klientem) The dinner was delicious. (= tato večeře, co jsem teď dojedl)</p>

NAMES OF PLACES

DEFINITE ARTICLE (the)	ZERO ARTICLE (-)
<p>Countries in plural or with word such as <i>republic</i>, <i>kingdom</i>, <i>union</i> in the name:</p> <p>the Netherlands, the Czech republic, the European Union</p>	<p>Countries without any extra words:</p> <p>France, Italy, Great Britain, Slovakia</p>
<p>Mountain ranges:</p> <p>the Himalayas, the Alps, the Sierra Nevada</p>	<p>Mountains (individual):</p> <p>Mount Everest, Ben Nevis, K2</p>
<p>Archipelagos (groups of islands):</p> <p>the Maldives, the Canary Islands, the Shetlands</p>	<p>Islands (individual):</p> <p>Madagascar, Bali, Fuerteventura</p>
<p>Oceans, seas and rivers:</p> <p>the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, the Mississippi</p>	<p>Lakes:</p> <p>Lake Michigan, Great Salt Lake, Lake Victoria</p>
<p>Gulfs, bays, channels:</p> <p>the Panama Canal, the Bay of Biscay, the English Channel</p>	<p>Caves, waterfalls, valleys:</p> <p>Mammoth Cave, Niagara Falls, Death Valley</p>
<p>Deserts:</p> <p>the Great Sandy Desert, the Sahara</p>	<p>Continents:</p> <p>Europe, Asia, Africa</p>
<p>Hotels, cinemas, theatres, museums, galleries:</p> <p>the Ritz, the Golden Apple Cinema, the Globe Theatre, the Riverside Museum, the Tate Gallery</p>	<p>Cities, towns, city parts, streets, squares, parks:</p> <p>Sydney, Brighton, Brooklyn, Picadilly Circus, Old Town Square, Hyde Park</p>
<p>Buildings / monuments starting with common noun or adjective:</p> <p>the White House, the World Trade Center, the Statue of Liberty</p>	<p>Buildings / monuments starting with proper noun:</p> <p>Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey</p>