

1 Articles

- There are only two articles in English: *a / an* and *the*.

a / an (indefinite article)

It's	a	cassette. bag.
	an	office. umbrella.



It's a bus.

- Use *a / an* + a singular noun.
- Use *an* + vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*).
- Use *a / an* + jobs. I'm a doctor. NOT ~~I'm doctor.~~

the (definite article)



It's the bus to the airport.

Open	the /ðə/	door / windows.
	the /ði:/	envelope / umbrellas.

- Use *the* + singular and plural nouns.
- Say /ði:/ for *the* + vowels.

2 Nouns

Singular	Plural	Spelling
a book an engineer	books engineers	+ s

Also

a watch a fax	watches /ɪz/ faxes	+ es (after -ch, -sh, -s, -x, -z)
a country a city	countries cities	consonant + y → ies

- Use *-s, -es*, and *-ies* to make plurals.
- Don't use *a / an* + plural nouns.
They're **books**. NOT ~~They're a books.~~

3 How much ...? / How many ...?

'How many sandwiches?' 'Four, please.'
'How much is that?' 'It's twelve dollars.'

- Use *How many ...?* + plural nouns.
- Use *How much ...?* + money.

4 *this / that / these / those*



- Use *this / that* + a singular noun.
- Use *these / those* + plural nouns.

5 Present simple: *I / you / we / they*

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I You We They	speak English.	I (etc.)	don't speak Italian.
?		✓ X	
Do	you (etc.)	speak German?	Yes, No, I (etc.) do. don't.

Contraction don't = do not

- The verb is the same for *I, you, we*, and *they*.
- Use *do / don't* (= the auxiliary) in short answers.
Do you like tea? Yes, I **do**. NOT ~~Yes, I like.~~

6 Adjectives (2)

I'm / You're (etc.)	quite (not) very	tired.
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- quite* and *(not) very* go before the adjective.

7 Age

'How old are you?' 'I'm twenty-nine (years old).'

- Use verb *be* + age. NOT ~~I have twenty-nine.~~

Grammar check 2

1 a Articles Complete with *a* or *an*.

- 1 *an* airport
- 2 _____ dog
- 3 _____ egg
- 4 _____ hamburger
- 5 _____ snake
- 6 _____ year
- 7 _____ Italian film
- 8 _____ Chinese restaurant
- 9 _____ important phone number

b Complete with *a* / *an* or *the*.

- 1 Can I have *a* piece of paper, please?
- 2 Please look at *the* board.
- 3 They speak _____ little Japanese.
- 4 What does he do? He's _____ actor.
- 5 Have _____ nice day!
- 6 A is _____ first letter of _____ English alphabet.
- 7 What's this in English? It's _____ apple.
- 8 Where's _____ stress? Apple.

2 Nouns Write the plural.

Singular	Plural
1 a bus	<i>buses</i>
2 a language	_____
3 a computer	_____
4 a city	_____
5 a horse	_____
6 a sandwich	_____
7 a tree	_____
8 a monkey	_____
9 a bird	_____

3 How much ...? / How many ...? Complete.

- 1 *How much* is fifty pounds in US dollars?
- 2 _____ biscuits do you want?
- 3 _____ students are in your class?
- 4 _____ is a coffee and a large coke?

4 *this / that / these / those* Complete.

Singular	Plural
1 That's a fax.	<i>Those are faxes.</i>
2 _____ is good.	These pizzas are good.
3 Is this your key?	_____ your keys?
4 _____ jacket?	Do you like those jackets?
5 _____ free?	Are those seats free?
6 How old's that boy?	How old _____ ?

5 Present simple Write the negatives.

	
1 I work.	<i>I don't work.</i>
2 I know.	I _____ .
3 We like football.	We _____ .
4 They play tennis.	They _____ .
5 I speak Russian.	I _____ .
6 You understand.	You _____ .

6 Questions / Short answers Complete with *do / don't* or verb *be*.

- 1 *Do you study French?* No, I *don't*.
- 2 *Are you married?* No, we *aren't*.
- 3 _____ they work here? Yes, they _____ .
- 4 _____ your friends like Chinese food? No, they _____ .
- 5 _____ she South American? No, she _____ .
- 6 _____ he happy? Yes, he _____ .
- 7 _____ that your bag? No, it _____ .
- 8 _____ you want to learn English? Yes, I _____ .

7 *quite / (not) very* Write the sentences. Use contractions.

- 1 cold we quite are *We're quite cold.*
- 2 they thirsty not are very _____
- 3 very are hungry you ? _____
- 4 hot it quite is _____
- 5 is tired very he ? _____