

## ARTICLES

ARTICLES are special adjectives that are used only with nouns. They are also called determiners because they signal that a noun follows.

- ∅ The definite article " the " is used with a noun when the noun refers to a particular thing.

" The " Olympic swimmer now speaks at schools.

- ∅ The indefinite articles " a " (before a consonant sound) and " an " (before a vowel sound) are used with a noun when the noun refers to no particular thing.

We heard " a " swimmer speak about careers in sports.

Next week " an " acrobat will talk to us.

- ∅ When making a generalization, do not use any article for plural count nouns or non-count nouns.

Apples from in orchards (plural: count nouns)

Silver is mined in Sudbury (plural non-count nouns)

- ∅ Proper nouns (ones that name individuals, countries etc. and are capitalized) do not require an article in a generalized statement. (Exception for the United States)

In Canada, Canadians speak many languages.