The indefinite articles A/AN and the definite article THE

The indefinite article

* The indefinite article A/AN is used before singular countable nouns. We use A before nouns beginning with a consonant sound and AN before nouns beginning with a vowel sound.

  a dog     an umbrella

* We use A/AN to say what somebody/something is or what someone's job is.

  My brother is a doctor. A dictionary is a book.

* We don't use A/AN with uncountable nouns. We use some instead.

  some sugar    some milk

* We don't use A/AN before an adjective when there's no noun after it. But when there's a noun after it, we use A/AN according to the first sound of the adjective.

  I've got a flat in the center of the city. It's big. It's also comfortable.

The definite article

* The definite article THE is used when it is clear which thing or person we are talking about, for example when the noun is mentioned for a second time or is already known.

  I can see a cat. The cat is white.

* We use THE with nouns which are unique and before the names of musical instruments.

  the earth    the sun    the sky
  the piano    the guitar  the violin

* We also use THE before the names of rivers, seas/oceans, mountain ranges, deserts, group of islands/states, families and nationalities.

  the river Thames    the Sahara    the Smiths
  the Pacific         the USA       the Chinese

* We don't use THE with plural nouns when we talk about them in general.

  Scorpions are very dangerous. Elephants live in Africa.
We don't use THE before proper nouns or names of meals or games/sports.

That is Jack. I like playing tennis.

We don't use THE with the words "school, church, prison, home, bed, hospital" when we refer to the purpose for which they exist.

Michael is in prison. (= he is a prisoner)
George is in hospital. (= he is ill)

What are these people? Write their jobs. Remember to use A or An.

vet - artist - singer - pilot - bus driver - actress

1 - He paints pictures.
   He's an artist.
2 - She sings in a chorus.
   She's ________________.
3 - He looks after ill animals.
   He's ________________.
4 - He flies an airplane.
   ____________________.
5 - She acts in plays and films.
   ____________________.
6 - He drives buses.
   ____________________.

Rewrite the sentences. Remember to use THE.

1) He's a violin player.
   He plays the violin.
2) She's a flute player.
   She plays ________________.
3) We are cello players.
   ____________________.
4) He is a guitarist.
   ____________________.
5) They are trumpet players.
   ____________________.
6) I'm a saxophone player.
   ____________________.
Choose the correct answer

1) the chocolate or chocolate?
   A_ ________________________ is bad for my liver.
   B_ ________________________ is on the table.

2) the bread or bread?
   A_ She doesn’t like ________________________.
   B_ I like ________________________ in that shop.

3) fish or the fish?
   A_ The Japanese eat a lot of ______.
   B_ ________________________ is in the fridge.

4) children or the children?
   A_ I know ________________________ in this photograph.
   B_ ________________________ need love.

5) English people or the English people?
   A_ Who are ________________________ with Susan?
   B_ ________________________ drink lots of tea.

Correct the mistakes.

1) Janet is a author.
2) Paul is at the home.
3) Earth is a planet.
4) We’ve got an small house.
5) I have got a water.
7) The Harry is a doctor.
8) A Smiths are my neighbours.
9) The golf is a nice game.
10) The Pyramids are in the Egypt.
Choose the correct answer

· a shower or the shower?
  A. ________________________ is broken at the moment.
  B. There isn’t ______________ bath in this

· a garden or the garden?
  A. Their house has got ________________.
  B. Luke is outside in ________________.

· a photograph or the photograph?
  A. Look at ______________ on this wall!
  B. I’ve got ______________ Brad Pitt on my wall.

· a man or the man?
  A. I can see two women and ______________ in that car.
  B. Who is ______________ in the photograph?

· a lady or the lady?
  A. There’s ______________________ at the door.
  B. Who’s ______________ in red?

Fill in A, AN or THE when necessary

Nick is from ____________ France. He’s got two sisters and ____________ brother.
They live with their parents in ____________ big flat in Paris. Nick has got lot of hobbies. He likes ____________ basketball and he plays ____________ drums.
He has got ____________ blue car. He drives to ____________ work every day.
He likes his job because his boss is ____________ kind man.

Claire lives in _______ New York. She is ____________ teacher. She works in ____________ Private School. She goes to work in ____________ afternoon. She starts work at 13:00 and she goes home at 18:00 in ____________ evening. She likes her job because she loves ____________ children.