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Subject: English

Topic: Articles

Week 03: Day 02

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Objectives: Learners will be able to:

- define articles.
- identify definite and indefinite articles.
- use the definite and indefinite articles appropriately in sentences.

Articles:

Articles are those words that are used before nouns. There are three articles in English language---- **a**, **an** and **the**.



Articles are of two types:

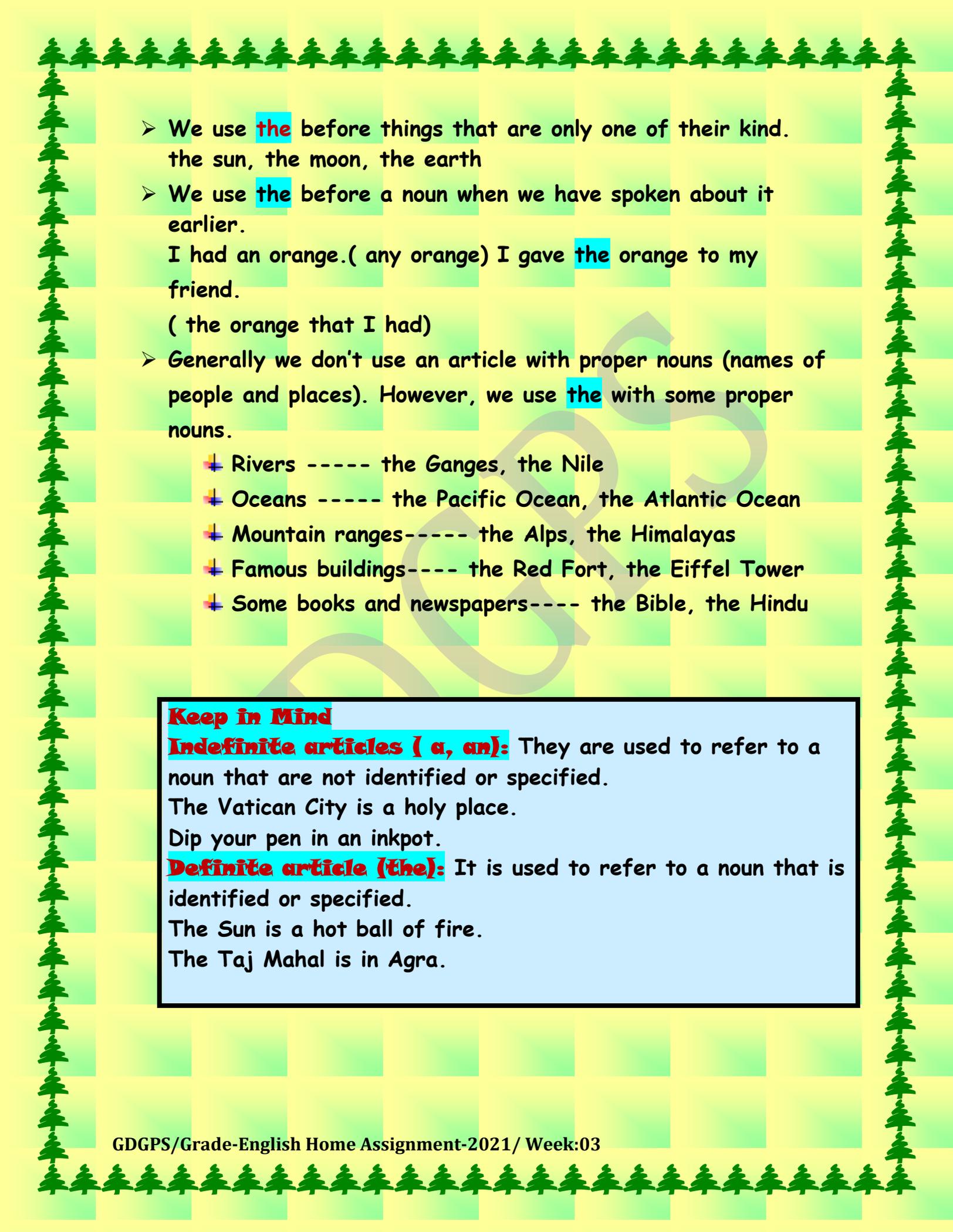
1. Indefinite Articles(a, an)
2. Definite Article (the)

The:

- We use **the** before a noun when we talk about someone or something particular.

This is a cupboard.(any cupboard)

This is **the** cupboard in which I keep my clothes. (a particular cupboard)

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- We use **the** before things that are only one of their kind.
the sun, the moon, the earth
 - We use **the** before a noun when we have spoken about it earlier.
I had an orange.(any orange) I gave **the** orange to my friend.
(the orange that I had)
 - Generally we don't use an article with proper nouns (names of people and places). However, we use **the** with some proper nouns.
 - + Rivers ----- the Ganges, the Nile
 - + Oceans ----- the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean
 - + Mountain ranges----- the Alps, the Himalayas
 - + Famous buildings---- the Red Fort, the Eiffel Tower
 - + Some books and newspapers---- the Bible, the Hindu

Keep in Mind

Indefinite articles (a, an): They are used to refer to a noun that are not identified or specified.

The Vatican City is a holy place.

Dip your pen in an inkpot.

Definite article (the): It is used to refer to a noun that is identified or specified.

The Sun is a hot ball of fire.

The Taj Mahal is in Agra.