

- There are three articles in English: “the,” “a,” and “an.”
- Articles always precede nouns but not all nouns are preceded by articles.
- Two things determine which article, if any, to use: the reader, and whether the noun is singular, plural or non-countable.



When the reader knows about the object, use

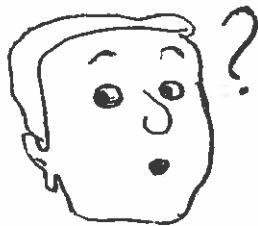
THE

Examples

Singular: As part of the patient evaluation, static 3D torso scans are often taken at the Stollery Children’s Hospital. However, the current system is only able to provide a static image.

Plural: Plaster casts of scoliotic patients, which are normally discarded after brace making, will be supplied by the Edmonton Scoliosis Research Group. The casts will provide an asymmetrical torso on which a scoring model will be developed.

Non-countable: The main goal is to develop an accurate, non-contact, non-radiographic and dynamic method for measuring torso surface geometry. The geometry is useful for developing therapy regimes.



When the reader does not know the object, use

A/AN

Or

NO ARTICLE

Examples

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Plural: Plaster casts of scoliotic patients, which are normally discarded after brace making, will be supplied by the Edmonton Scoliosis Research Group.

Non-countable: The main goal is to develop an accurate, non-contact, non-radiographic and dynamic method for measuring torso surface geometry. The geometry is useful for therapy regimes.