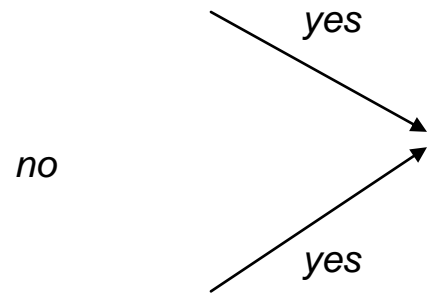


An article tells your reader that a noun is about to appear in a sentence. There are two kinds of articles: definite (*the*) and indefinite (*a* and *an*).

**First, decide if the noun is a count or non-count noun.**

**A count noun**

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Count noun examples

window, animal, enclosure, encounter, tree, boat, bridge, avalanche

Concrete noun examples

poem, water, figure, crowd, breath, night, day, sunlight, sunset

Abstract noun examples

poetry, time, theory, knowledge, space

Referring to something in general

Would you hand me a pen? I want to write a letter.

Referring to something specific:

Did you notice the moon? We are on the planet Earth.

Plural noun examples

windows, animals, enclosures, encounters, trees, boats, bridges, emotions

The rule of *of*

day

The time of

Adjectives

planet

the third