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COURSE NAME : 19ENB101 COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

I YEAR /I SEMESTER

Unit I- Functional Grammar

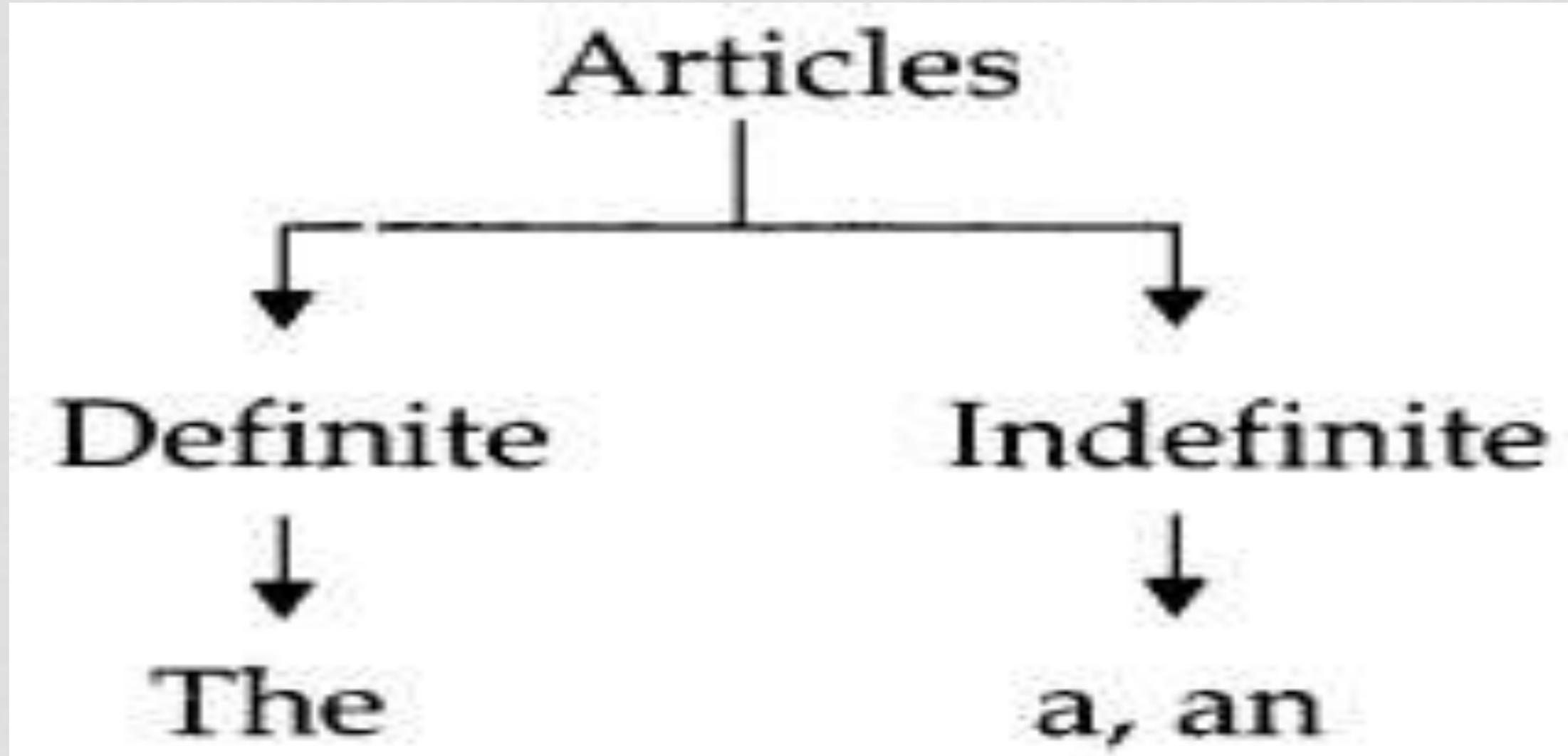
Topic 6 : ARTICLES

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ARTICLES







USING A, AN, THE

A

- **A** is used in front of singular countable nouns (a person, animal or thing) which are not specific.
- We don't use **a** before uncountable or plural nouns.
- If a noun starts with **a** consonant sound (b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, etc.), "a" comes before the noun.
- Examples:
a cat
a bird
a child
a doctor

An

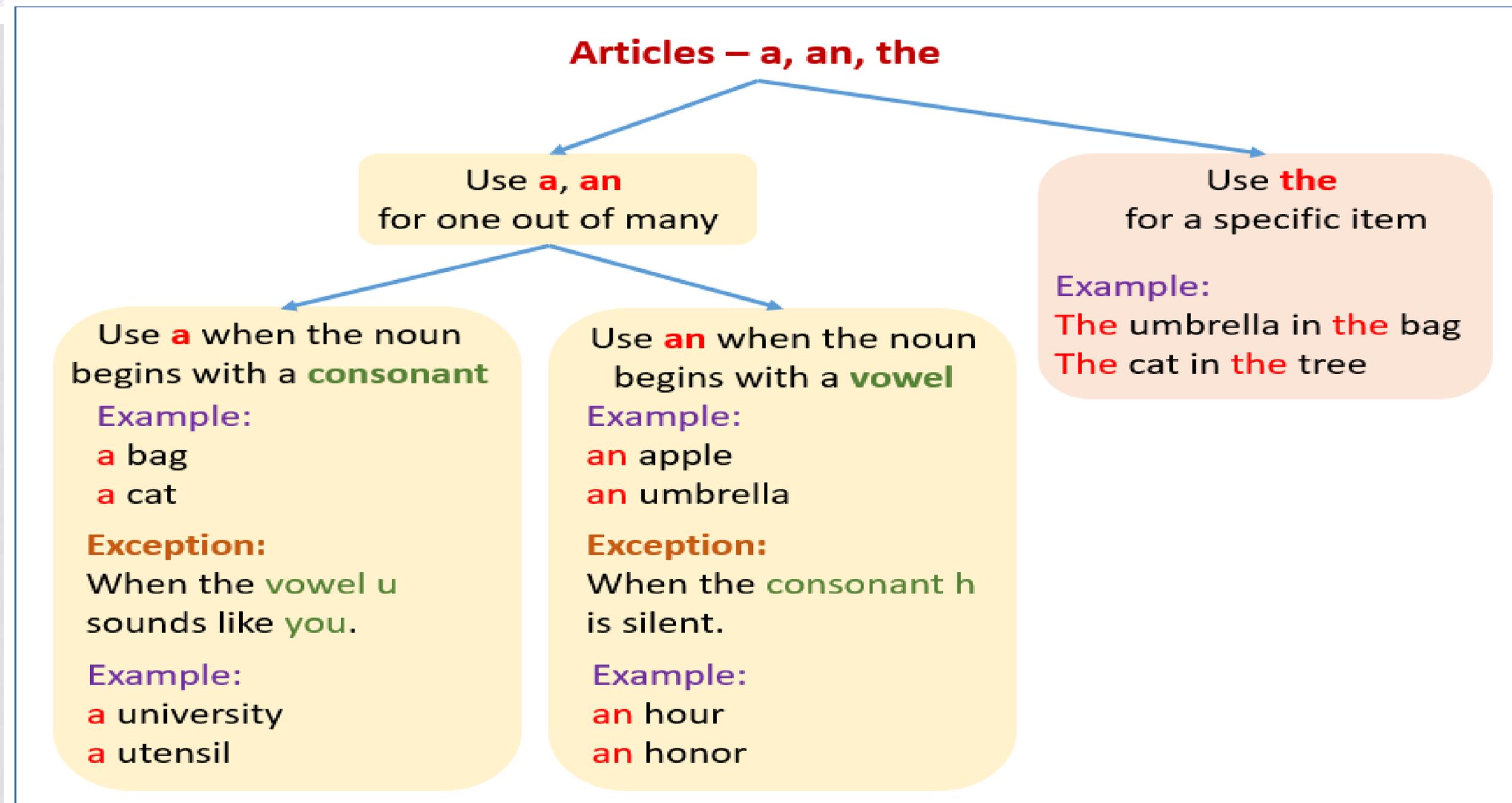
- **An** is used in front of singular countable nouns which are not specific.
- We don't use **an** before uncountable or plural nouns.
- If the noun starts with a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u), "an" comes before the noun.
- Examples:
an apple
an egg
an ant
an orange

The

- We use 'the' in front of all nouns (It does not matter whether the nouns are singular, plural countable or uncountable) to describe someone or something specific or unique.
- Examples:
the earth
the world
the sky
the air
the weather



ARTICLES -A, AN,THE





ASSESSMENT 1



Complete the following sentences by filling in a or an or the as
may be suitable

1. Yesterday ----European called at my office
2. Sanskrit is ----difficult language
3. Varanasi is -----holy city.
4. He returned after -----hour.
5. -----sun shines brightly
6. -----Ganga is -----sacred river.
7. I like to live in -----open air.
8. -----umbrella is of no avail against -----thunderstorm.
9. My favourite flower is -----rose.
10. Set back -----clock; it is -----hour too fast.

OMISSION OF THE ARTICLE





Omission of article

1. Proper nouns
Japan Karina Kapoor
2. Abstract noun
honesty beauty
3. Material noun
copper gold
4. Languages
Sanskrit Tamil
5. Names of buildings
hospital school
6. Relations
mother father
7. Names of games
cricket chess
8. Names of diseases
malaria cancer
9. Names of colours
red blue
10. Names of senses,
seasons, days, months
hear spring February



EXAMPLES OF NO ARTICLE



1. India is a democratic country.
2. Sugar is bad for your teeth.
3. Gold is a precious metal.
4. Children like chocolates.
5. We are studying English.
6. My uncle is still in hospital.
7. Father has returned.
8. Cricket is my passion and batting is my soul

ASSESSMENT 2

- Write the following paragraphs, inserting *a*, *an*, and *the* where needed.

Most working people have fewer hours to give to time-consuming activities of clubs than they used to have, but most people in small town belong to club or two. One of clubs is likely to be social and benevolent organization, such as Rotary or Elks. Business people are likely to belong, also to either Kiwanis Club or Lions. Such business people's organizations may meet as often as once a week in one of private dining rooms of town's leading hotel for lunch. They have good lunch, hear good program, and continue their fundraising program for worthy organization, such as local hospital.



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