

## Articles

### **A / An / The (uppercase)**

or

### **a / an / the (lowercase)**

They are used in front of nouns. A noun can be singular (one) or plural (more than one).

**A / an:** these are called 'indefinite articles'. They are used only with singular nouns to talk about one out of several, for example: **a** teacher / **an** accountant.

- \* We use a before a noun that start with a consonant, for example a waiter.
- \* Generally, we use an before a noun that starts with a vowel (a,e,i,o,u),for example: an optician.

There are exceptions based on pronunciation for words that start with the letter **u** but these are not included here.

**The:** this is called the 'definite article'. It can be used before singular or plural nouns to talk about something specific.

- \* We say the teacher (singular) to refer to a specific teacher, for example: the teacher who taught me or my child's teacher.
- \* We say the teachers (plural) to refer to a specific group of teachers, for example: the teachers who worked in my school.