

CLASS - IV

SUBJECT - ENGLISH GRAMMAR

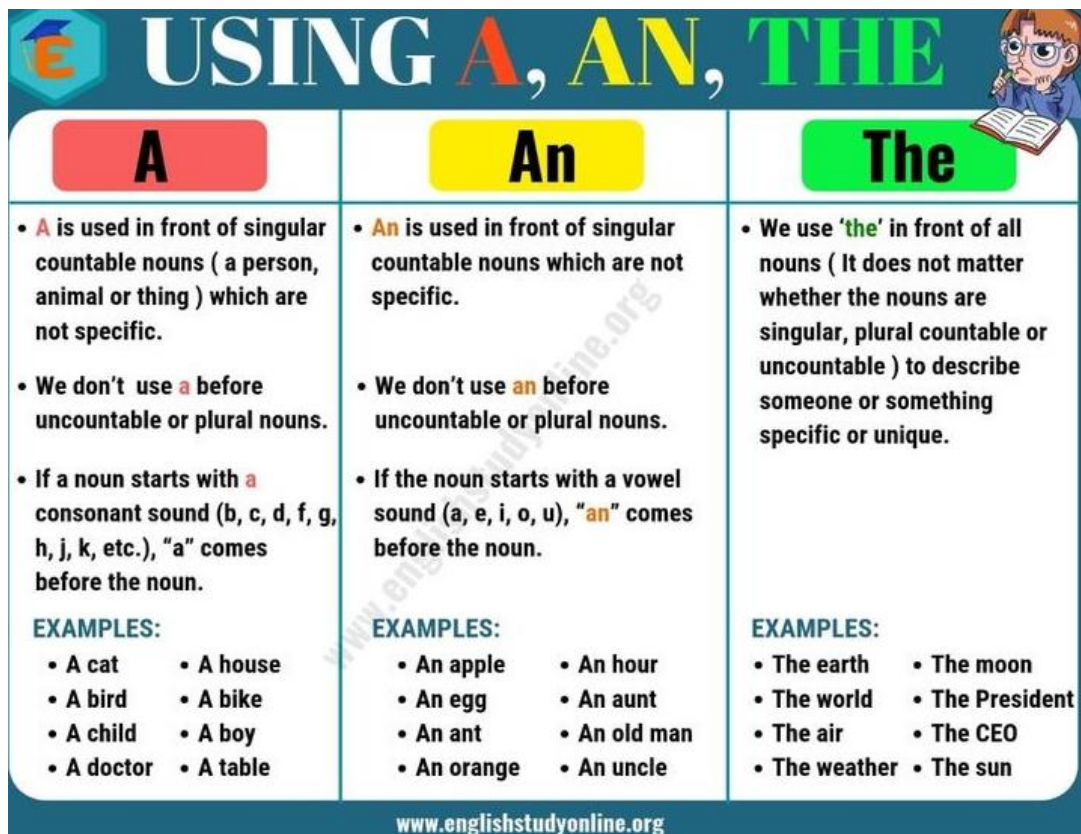
Note: Students are instructed to write the following notes in their English grammar book with pencil.

Students not having the book can practice it in their English practice copy.

17. DETERMINERS

Word that comes before a noun to show how the noun is being used is known as determiner.

We have already read about a , an , the. Now, we shall read about possessive determiners(my, our, your, his, her, its and their).



| A | An | The |
|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>EXAMPLES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A cat • A house• A bird • A bike• A child • A boy• A doctor • A table | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>EXAMPLES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An apple • An hour• An egg • An aunt• An ant • An old man• An orange • An uncle | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>EXAMPLES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The earth • The moon• The world • The President• The air • The CEO• The weather • The sun |

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POSSESSIVE DETERMINERS:

A possessive determiner is a word that shows possession and followed by a noun.

1. My, our, your, his, her, its, their are possessive determiners.
2. Possessive determiners are always followed by nouns. But possessive pronouns are never followed by nouns.

| Determiners in English | | | |
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| Determiners are used in front of nouns to indicate whether you are referring to something specific or something of a particular type. | | | |
| Possessive | Ordinals | Numerals | Articles |
| My Our Your His Her Its Their | First Second Third Next Last | One Two Three Ten Fifty Hundred Thousand | A An The |
| Quantifiers | | Predeterminers | |
| Much Some No Any Many Enough | Several Little All Lot of Plenty of Another | All All of What Such Rather | Quite Twice Double Both |



WORKSHEET -

A. Find out the possessive determiner in each sentence. Write it in the given blank:

| <u>Sentences</u> | <u>Possessive determiner</u> |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. His brother is a very capable person. | His |
| 2. Our cricket team has won the match. | Our |
| 3. Her complexion is extremely fair. | Her |
| 4. Your donkey is carrying a heavy load. | Your |
| 5. Our capital is a very ancient city. | Our |
| 6. The poor cricket broke its leg. | Its |
| 7. My weight is around 70 kilograms. | My |
| 8. Their grandmother passed away yesterday. | Their |

B. Write a suitable possessive determiner in each blank:

1. Is that your blouse, Susan?
2. Take off your shoes and come in.
3. My/Our motherland is the best land of all.
4. The face of a woman is her real ornament.
5. Here is my dog. Its tail is curved.

6. **His** uncle has sent him a wrist watch.

7. **My** elder brother is a fast bowler.

C. Use the possessive determiners in your own sentences:

1. Your : **Your coat is black.**

2. Their: **Their garden is full of flower plants.**

3. Her: **Her appearance is attractive.**

4. My: **My pen writes smoothly.**

5. Our: **Our sister is gold medallist in science.**

6. Its: **There is a big tree near our house. Its stem is very wide.**

7. His: **His activities are like that of a mad man.**

What's the difference?



| Possessive adjectives (possessive determiners) | Possessive pronouns |
|---|--|
| possessive adjective + noun | possessive pronoun (+ no noun) |
| my This is my book. | mine This book is mine. |
| your Is this your umbrella? | yours Is this yours? |
| his He lent me his jacket. | his This isn't my jacket. It's his. |
| her I borrowed her car. | hers The car is hers. |
| its Do you like my doll? These are its clothes. | ----- <i>We avoid using "its" alone as a possessive pronoun.</i> |
| our A lot of our friends came to our party. | ours That car is ours. |
| their Their house is lovely. | theirs That house is theirs. |

D. Each sentence has a possessive word. Find it out and write it in the given blank. Also whether it is a determiner or a pronoun.

| <u>Sentence</u> | Possessive pronoun | Possessive determiner |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. That was the happiest day of my life. | | My |
| 2. Which of these frocks is hers? | Hers | |
| 3. Take this orange and remove its peel. | | Its |
| 4. All these play-things are mine. | Mine | |
| 5. Curly hair add to her beauty a lot. | | Her |
| 6. New Delhi is my native town. | | My |
| 7. Their request cannot be considered. | | Their |
| 8. Are these bats and pads theirs? | Theirs | |
| 9. Susan lost her shoes yesterday. | | Her |
| 10. This is a hat. Its is hers, I think. | Hers | |