Articles

English A2 · Vocabulary in context

Word	Example
first mention /fɜːst ˈmenʃn/	On **first mention**, use “a”: I saw a dog. “a” I saw a dog
organ /ˈɔːgən/	The heart is an **organ**.
communication /kəˌmjuːnɪˈkeɪʃn/	Good **communication** helps a team work well.
shared knowledge /ʃeəd ˈnɒlɪdʒ/	We say “the sun” because of **shared knowledge**: there is only one. “the sun”
general statements /ˈdʒenərəl ˈsteɪtmənts/	In **general statements**, we say “Dogs are friendly”, with no article. “Dogs are friendly”
uncountables /ʌnˈkaʊntəblz/	“Rice” and “water” are **uncountables**. “Rice” “water”
institutions /ˌɪnstɪˈtjuːʃnz/	Schools and hospitals are **institutions**.
directions /daɪˈrekʃnz/	Can you give me **directions** to the station?
doomed /duːmd/	The plan was **doomed** from the start.
nàge (that one) /nædʒ/	Chinese **nàge (that one)** is often “the”: the man I told you about. “the” the man I told you about。

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