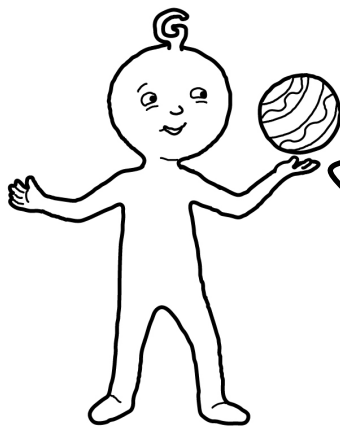


Articles



You know that the word 'article' means 'thing' or 'item'.

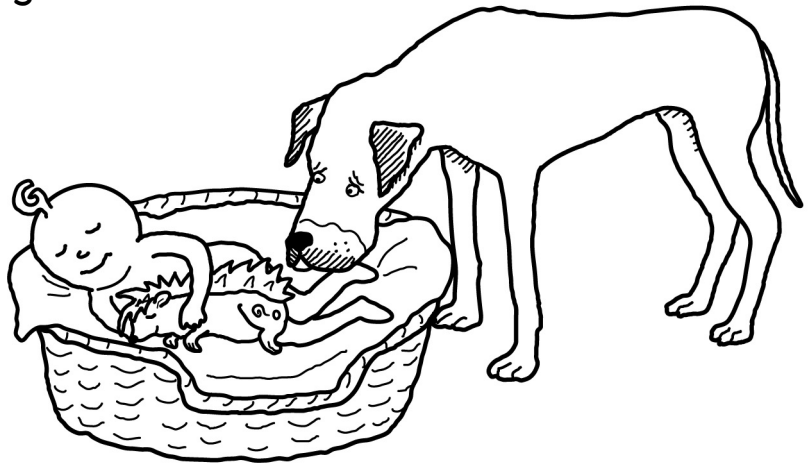


Well, it means something else as well in grammar.

An **article** is the word we put before a noun. There are only three articles in the English language:

a **an** **the**

The is called the **definite** article because it refers to a specific thing.



The man is next door.

The dog's basket.

A and **an** are called **indefinite** articles because they refer to one of a group of things. **A** is used in front of words beginning with a consonant while **an** is used in front of words beginning with a vowel.

Fill in the blanks.

___ man is next door.

It's ___ dog's basket.

___ bird

___ apple

___ baby

___ boy

___ ostrich

___ elephant

Try to tell your partner about where you live without using the definite article 'the'. Can you do it?

If pupils speak or are learning other languages, you could talk about how other languages have more (or less) articles.