

# Using Articles

## Do you know these rules?

A

- ❖ Julia is a teacher.
- ❖ Andy is an actor.
- ❖ I have a car.
- ❖ I have a green car.
- ❖ Julia lives in Paris.
- ❖ His name is Jimmy.
- ❖ It's green.
- ❖ Tom plays tennis.
- ❖ Will is watching TV.

## Spot the mistakes!

A



Sarah is driving instructor. She has car (of course!) and she works almost every day.

In her free time, she collects stamps. "It's great hobby!", she says. "I have more than hundred stamp albums!"

B



Rob is teacher. He lives in Milan. He has large apartment. He lives with his wife and two sons.

At the weekend, he often plays tennis. There's tennis court near his apartment.

C



Jack is computer programmer. He writes computer games. Now he is writing space-invaders game.

He is married and he has baby girl. His daughter's name is Jennifer.

At the weekend, he likes to ride bicycle and watch TV.

D

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# Using Articles: Teaching Notes

<b>Target Structure:</b>	Basic Articles
<b>Vocabulary:</b>	General
<b>Level:</b>	Elementary
<b>Time:</b>	30 minutes
<b>Preparation:</b>	None

## Suggested Teaching Method

**For some students, using articles correctly is one of the hardest aspects of learning English. This worksheet gives a simple introduction to the use of articles with adjective-noun clusters, and proper nouns.**

If necessary, present the target language on the board before giving out the worksheet.

The basic patterns covered are: *It's a pen. It's green. It's a green pen.*  
Also: *He is a doctor. His name is Jim.*

Give out the worksheet, and have students read through the rule box. Write a few examples on the board to check students' understanding.

Do the first paragraph of (A) with the group, eliciting the correct answer. Students can then work alone for this exercise. Direct them to complete A-C.

Students can then check in pairs. Go through the answers with the group.

Finally, set a time limit for students to write a paragraph about themselves. Give an example about yourself. Tell students to follow the themes used in the other three texts.

Monitor, and help students to self correct when you see errors.

Students can present their introductions to the class.

## Answer Key

- A) Sarah is **a** driving instructor. She has **a** car (of course!) and she works almost every day. In her free time, she collects stamps. "It's **a** great hobby!", she says. "I have more than **a** hundred stamp albums!"
- B) Rob is **a** teacher. He lives in Milan. He has **a** large apartment. He lives with his wife and two sons. At the weekend, he often plays tennis. There's **a** tennis court near his apartment.
- C) Jack is **a** computer programmer. He writes computer games. Now he is writing **a** space-invaders game. He is married and he has **a** baby girl. His daughter's name is Jennifer. At the weekend, he likes to ride **a** bicycle and watch TV

## How are we doing?



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