



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 1 ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Unit 69 – a / an and the

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A PHÂN BIỆT “A”, “AN” VÀ “THE”

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There are *three* windows here,
a window - window 1 or 2 or 3

- Ex1A: I've got **a car**.
(*there are many cars and I've got one*)
- Ex2A: Can I ask **a question**? (*there are many questions - can I ask one?*)
- Ex3A: Is there **a hotel** near here? (*there are many hotels - is there one near here?*)

the



There is only *one* window here –
the window.

- Ex1B: I'm going to clean **the car** tomorrow.
(= *my car*)
- Ex2B: Can you repeat **the question**, please?
(= *the question that you asked*)
- Ex3B: We enjoyed our holiday. **The hotel** was very nice. (= *our hotel*)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex4A: Paris is an interesting city. (<i>there are many interesting cities and Paris is one</i>) Ex5A: Lisa is a student. (<i>there are many students and Lisa is one</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ex4B: Paris is the capital of France. (<i>there is only one capital of France</i>) Ex5B: Lisa is the youngest student in her class. (<i>there is only one youngest student in her class</i>)

Compare **a** and **the**:

Ex6: I bought **a jacket** and **a shirt**. **The jacket** was cheap, but **the shirt** was expensive.
 (= **the jacket** and **the shirt that** I bought)

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B TÌM HIỂU THÊM VỀ “THE”

We say **the** ... when it is clear which thing or person we mean. For example:

the door / the ceiling / the floor / the carpet / the light etc. (of a room)
the roof / the garden / the kitchen / the bathroom etc. (of a house)
the centre / the station / the airport / the town hall etc. (of a town)



- Ex7: 'Where's Tom? 'In **the kitchen.**'
 (= *the kitchen of this house or flat*)
- Ex8: Turn off **the light** and close the door.
 (= *the light and the door of the room*)
- Ex9: Do you live far from **the center?**
 (= *the center of your town*)
- Ex10: I'd like to speak to **the manager**, please.
 (= *the manager of this shop etc.*)

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