

# Determiners

- \* Determiners come 1<sup>st</sup> in the noun box.
- \* Every singular noun needs a determiner.
- \* Possessives like "my, her" and "the" can go with singular, plural, or non-count nouns.

Determiners are words that tell us that a main word is coming. They may signal whether the main word is familiar to us (mentioned before). They may demonstrate which one, tell us about "possession", or tell us in general about the quantity.

Common Determiners

Articles (familiar?)	Demonstrative pronouns (Which one?)	Possessives (Whose?)	Quantifiers. (About how many?)
a an the	this that these those  another other the other	their/their country's your / your teacher's his / Tom's my/my brother's her / Maria's its our/our school's	all most many /a lot of / lots of some a few /a little several few / little both /a couple of no/none of each/every  one, two, a million more enough

Examples:

Dt <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">A man</span> ran out of a store. Dt <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">The man</span> wore a red jacket.	<i>"A" -- we never saw the man before; he's <u>unfamiliar</u> to us</i>  <i>"The" -- it's the <u>specific</u> man who ran out of the store.</i>
Dt    Dt <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">This coffee</span> is good. <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">That coffee</span> is terrible.	<i><u>Which one</u> is good? The close cup of coffee.</i> <i><u>Which one</u> is terrible? The cup of coffee that's farther away.</i>
Dt <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Her brother</span> is a teacher.	<i>Whose brother? <u>Her</u> brother.</i>
Dt <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Some students</span> always come to class on time.	<i><u>How many</u> students? some, not all.</i>

## Determiners with countable (singular and plural) and uncountable nouns

\*Remember that singular, plural, and uncountable nouns can all use possessive determiners

DETERMINER	ONE	MANY	CAN'T COUNT
a	pen		
a couple of		pens	
a few		pens	
a little			rice
a lot of		pens	rice
all		pens	rice
an	ugly pen		
another	pen		
<b>any</b>	<b>pen</b>	<b>pens</b>	<b>rice</b>
both		pens	
each	pen		
either	pen		rice
enough		pens	rice
every	pen		
few		pens	
less			rice
little			rice
lots of		pens	rice
many		pens	
more		pens	rice
most		pens	rice
much			rice
<b>*my</b>	<b>pen</b>	<b>pens</b>	<b>rice</b>
<b>neither</b>	<b>pen</b>	<b>pens</b>	<b>rice</b>
<b>no</b>	<b>pen</b>	<b>pens</b>	<b>rice</b>
none of the		pens	rice
other		pens	rice
several		pens	
some		pens	rice
that	pen		rice
<b>the</b>	<b>pen</b>	<b>pens</b>	<b>rice</b>
the other	pen		rice
these		pens	
this	pen		rice
those		pens	