

# ADRIAN'S MAGIC ARTICLE SYSTEM

Attention!!! Does not work for places or times

## 3 CATEGORIES

### 1) Unique: THE

**Naturally unique:** The sun, the internet, the Dean, the Pope, the centre

Four Ways a thing becomes unique:

- Ordinal numbers: the first, the fifth, etc.
- Superlatives: the best, the fastest, the most stupid
- The last, the only, the next, the right, the wrong, the main, the whole
- Defined with OF or a relative pronoun (vztažné zájmeno)

**OF:** The price **of** petrol, the result **of** a test, the meaning **of** this passage

**Relative Pronoun:** The dog **that/which** bit me, the place **where** the masseur attacked me, the time **when** we were scared.

### 2) One of many in the world: A/AN

This category includes containers and expressions of quantity:

- A tube of toothpaste
- A box of chocolates
- A flock of sheep
- A majority of Czechs
- A lot of students
- A series of films
- A bunch of bananas
- An insane amount of work

ATTENTION!!! The second time you mention a thing, it is already specific/unique, so use THE.

### 3) Uncountable things: NO ARTICLE

- Emotions (happiness, love, hatred)
- Things in particles (rice, sugar, sand, dust)
- Liquids (water, coffee)
- Gases (oxygen, helium)
- -isms (communism, realism)
- Most nouns formed from verbs
  - Swim → swimming
  - Collaborate → collaboration
  - Extinguish → extinction

ATTENTION!!! The second time you mention an uncountable thing, it is already specific/unique, so use THE 😊 .  
Also if you are defining it with OF or a relative pronoun.

### **For Plurals:**

**First time** mentioned: NO ARTICLE

**Second time**/ defined with OF or a RELATIVE PRONOUN: use THE