Article Usage Flow Chart

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**No**  **No**

Is the noun countable?

**Yes**

Is the noun singular?

**Yes**

Is the noun definite?

**Yes**

Use “the”

Is the noun definite?

**Yes**

You do not need an article.

Use “the”

**No No**

Is the noun definite?

**Yes**

Use “the”

You do not need an article.

**No**  **No**

Does the noun begin w/ a vowel sound?

**Yes**

Use “an”

Use “a”

