

WEBINAR Series on BASIC GRAMMAR: ARTICLES

Date: 5th and 6th May 2020

Time: 3:30pm-5:00pm

Mode: Online using Google Meet

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Audience: Students and Faculties of RCOEM

Ms. Jasleen Rihan is a faculty of RCOEM and is associated with the Department of Humanities. She has done her Masters in Arts (English) and is a merit holder for the same in RTM Nagpur University. She is also pursuing a Masters in Linguistics from RTM Nagpur University. She was the resource person for the two-day webinar conducted on 'Basic Grammar: Articles' for faculties and students of RCOEM, Nagpur. The two webinars were as follows:

Webinar 1-

1. Introduction to Basic Grammar: Article 'The'
2. Practice Exercises
3. Query Resolution

Webinar 2-

1. Introduction to Basic Grammar: Article 'A and An'
2. Concept of 'Zero Articles'
3. Practice Exercises
4. Query Resolution
5. Feedback

The two-day session was followed by an assessment test of 60 marks that was conducted through Google forms following which e-certificates were provided to the students.

TYPES OF ARTICLES English Grammar

ARTICLE DEFINITION
An **article** is a word that modifies or describes the Noun. It is used before the noun to show whether it refers to something specific or not.

TYPES OF ARTICLE

- Definite Article
- Indefinite Article

DEFINITE ARTICLE

- Definite: To be clear, exact or obvious about something.
- It is called definite because it is used in relation to a particular thing or person.
- "The" is the definite article in English, which is used to refer to particular nouns, the identities of which are known.
- The definite article indicates that the noun is specific. The speaker talks about a particular thing.

For examples:

- The cat sat on the couch.
- The dog attacked me and ran away.

INDEFINITE ARTICLE

- Indefinite: Something which is not clear, obvious or exact.
- It is called indefinite because the identity of the thing or person being spoken about is left unclear or indefinite.
- It indicates that the noun is not someone or something in particular.
- The speaker talks about any one of that type of things. The indefinite articles in English are "a" and "an."

For examples:

- Do you have a pencil?
- I want to have an apple.

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Test Yourself- Insert article 'THE', wherever necessary

- I open mail immediately after breakfast.
- God sends his sunshine on just and unjust alike.
- I have no idea about geography of Scotland.
- Book I recommended now costs over a thousand rupees.
- Both boys and girls did well in examination.
- Kevin plays guitar.
- Competitor who gets most points wins prize.
- Person who works hardest should receive greatest reward.
- Will we see you in Church tomorrow?
- Dutch were increasingly dependent on support of French.

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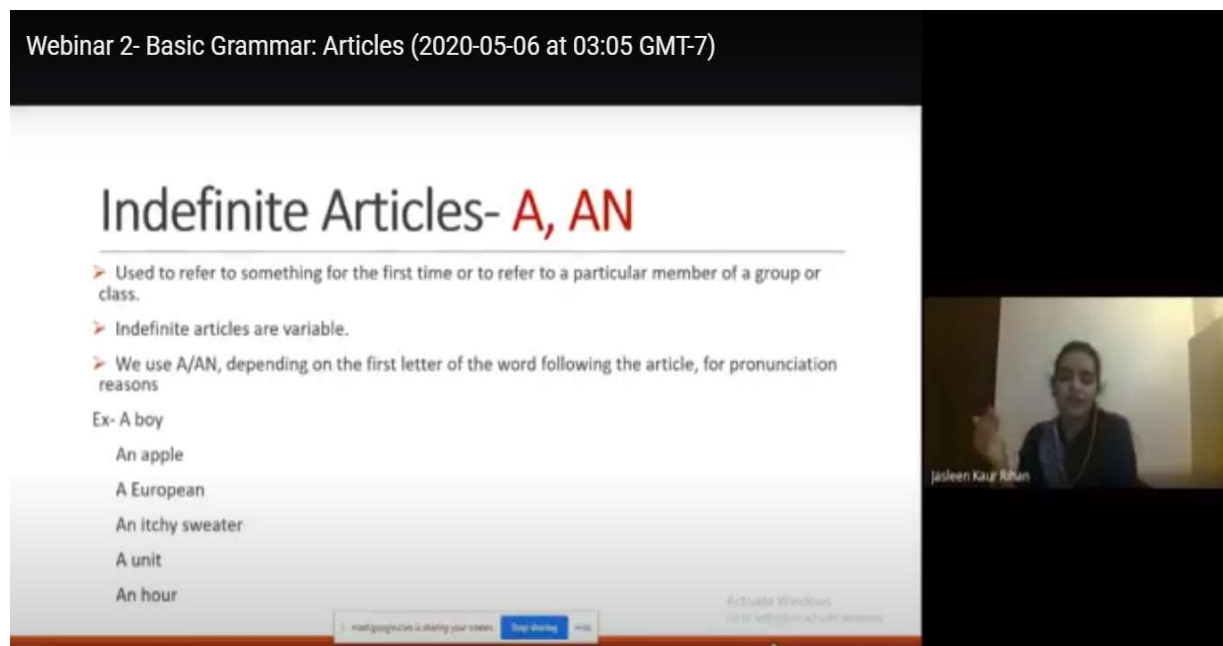
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The Google Meet webinar began with the introduction of Ms. Jasleen Rihan by Dr. Deepshikha Mehra, HOD Humanities. Ms. Rihan shared her presentation with the participants and started with the explanation of the building blocks of Articles- Parts of Speech (Noun), Countable/Uncountable, Singular/Plural, Consonants/Vowels. She discussed a few examples wherein participants were made to brainstorm and identify the errors if any. She then moved to discuss the definite article- 'The'. While explaining the importance and use of the article, she provided the participants with various rules which are to be considered while using the article 'The'. The explanation was followed by a rigorous practice

session on the use of article 'The' that involved exercises in the form of individual sentences and elaborate paragraphs. Answers for the practice exercises were discussed during the session and the session for Day-1 concluded with an open discussion with the participants regarding their queries which were resolved effectively.



Webinar 2- Basic Grammar: Articles (2020-05-06 at 03:05 GMT-7)

Indefinite Articles- A, AN

- Used to refer to something for the first time or to refer to a particular member of a group or class.
- Indefinite articles are variable.
- We use A/AN, depending on the first letter of the word following the article, for pronunciation reasons

Ex- A boy

- An apple
- A European
- An itchy sweater
- A unit
- An hour

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The Day-2 session began with a recapitulation of previous session to be able to clearly establish the difference in the three articles used in English language. Post the revision, Ms. Rihan discussed on the indefinite articles 'A' and 'An'. She highlighted and focused on the rules which are to be considered for their correct usage through various examples. The session provided the participants an insight into the wrong usage of articles and guided them on how to avoid making errors with respect to articles in spoken or written English. The session also threw light on the concept of 'zero article'. The explanation was followed by practice exercises for the participants, answers to which were discussed during the session itself and all the doubts of the participants were resolved therein.

The webinars constituting of sessions of 1.5 hours each was followed by a 60 marks test that was conducted using Google forms. The participants were given 30 minutes to take the assessment that comprised of 30 questions. The final scoring of each participant was mentioned on the e-certificates which were later shared with the participants.

The webinar received positive feedback from the participants since it added to their knowledge of basic grammar- 'Articles' and also helped them get clarity on the improper usage of articles in spoken and written English. Few of the queries were also resolved through emails post the webinar. The participants appreciated the efforts taken by the speaker and the department at large to provide them with an effective and informative session on the topic and they look forward to many such webinars.