For a non-countable, indefinite noun, you do not need an article.

For a definite, countable noun, use "the".

For a countable, plural, indefinite noun, you do not need an article.

For a countable, singular, indefinite noun that begins with a consonant sound, use "a".

For a countable, singular, definite noun, use "the".

For a countable, plural, definite noun, use "the".

For a singular, countable, definite noun, use "the".

For a countable, singular, indefinite noun that starts with a vowel sound, use "an".