Articles

THE (Definite article)

We use the definite article to speak about specific things:

1. Singular  
e.g. Can you pass me **the pen**, please?  (*the pen we were talking about*)
2. Plural  
e.g. I have got **the apples** that you asked for.

A/AN (Indefinite articles)

We use the indefinite articles to speak about non specific things:

1. Singular  
e.g. I would like a sandwich please.  (*any sandwich will be fine*)

---- (Zero article)

We use the zero article to speak about general things:

1. Singular (uncountable)  
e.g. People in this country are rude.
2. Plural  
e.g. Cheetahs are the fastest land animal on the planet.

TIME - We **DO NOT** use ‘the’ when referring to times of the day, particular days, years, seasons or months:

dawn, dusk, daybreak, midday, 9.30pm, 5.45am, Monday, Wednesday, January, October, 1487, 2014

PLACES – We **DO NOT** use ‘the’ when referring to certain places

College/university, school, hospital, town, church, class, court, bed, prison, home