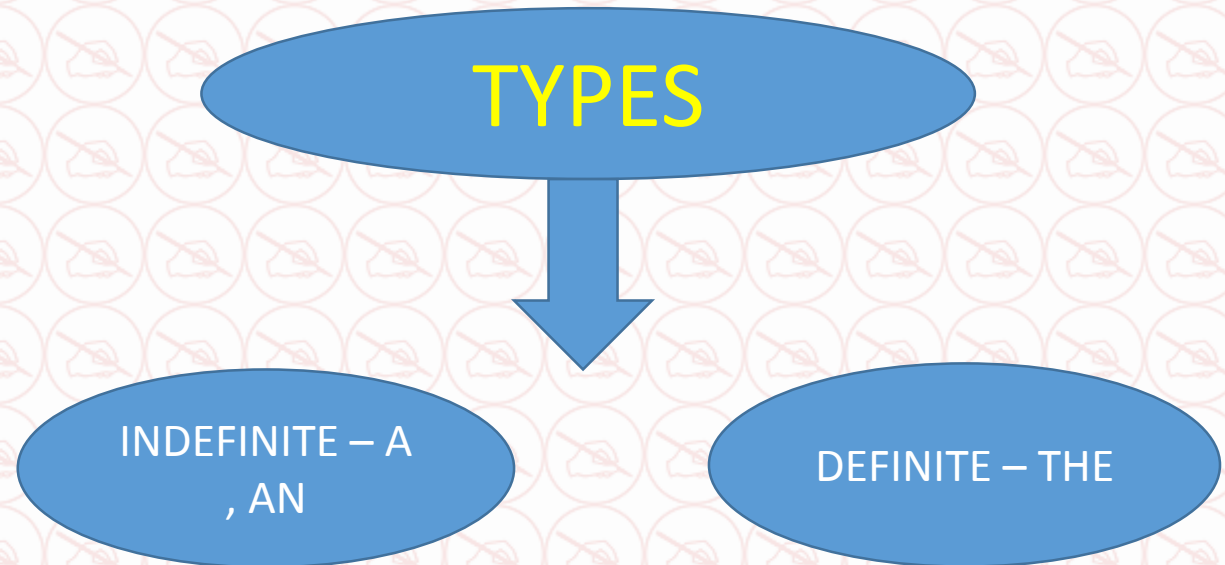






ARTICLE

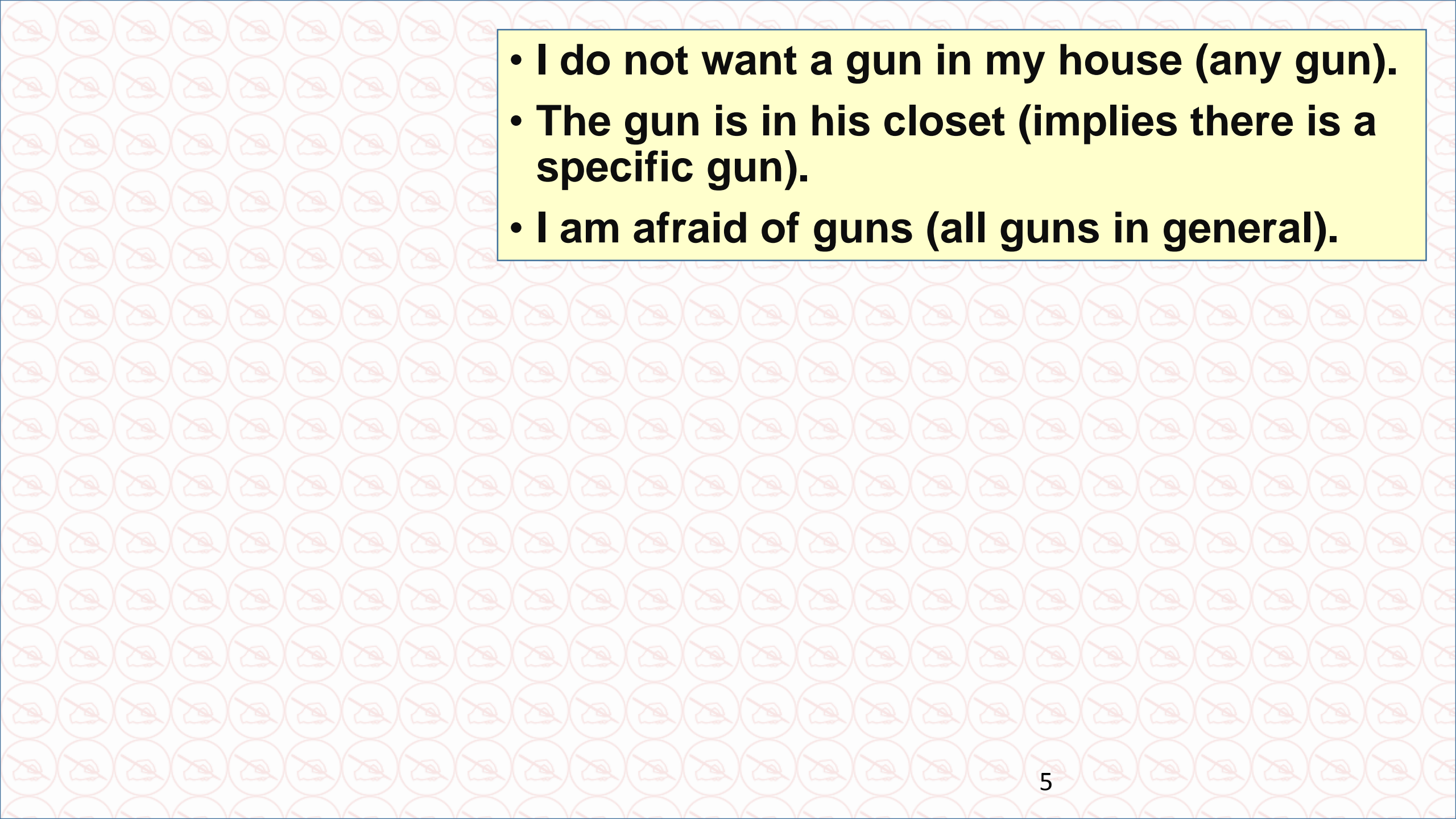
Article is a scope limiter .
Article is a determiner.



A or An :

The choice between 'a' and 'an' is determined by sound.

An:	Word beginning with a vowel sound.
A:	word beginning with a consonant sound.
Ex:	an unhappy girl , a red apple

- 
- **I do not want a gun in my house (any gun).**
 - **The gun is in his closet (implies there is a specific gun).**
 - **I am afraid of guns (all guns in general).**

- **count nouns are either singular (one) or plural (more than one).**
- ***Noncount nouns are always in singular form.***
- **Ex - water on the table**

USE OF THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE

Rule 1: The plural form of a or an is some. Use some to indicate an unspecified, limited amount (but more than one).

an apple, some apples

Rule 2. Use a or an to indicate any non-specified member of a group or category.

- That man is a scoundrel.**
- We are looking for an apartment.**

Rule 3 . If a verb is being used as a noun in a sentence:

- **She goes for a walk every evening.**
- **I had a long talk with him on the issue.**

USAGE OF "THE"

Rule 1. Use the article the when a particular noun has already been mentioned previously.

I ate an orange yesterday. The orange was juicy and delicious.

Rule 2. the when the noun refers to something or someone that is unique.

The Theory of Evolution

The Big Bang theory

Rule 3. Use *the* before superlatives and ordinal numbers.

- **Raka is the tallest man in his society.**
- **She is the last bench girl.**

Rule 4. When an adjective, phrase, or clause describing the noun clarifies its identity.

The boy sitting next to me raised his hand.

Thank you for the advice you gave me.

Rule 5:

Do use the before the names of

- **points on the globe (the Equator, the North Pole)**
- **mountain ranges (the Smoky Mountains, the Andes)**
- **island chains (the Florida Keys, the Pacific Islands)**
- **geographical areas (the East, the Midwest)**
- **rivers, seas, and oceans (the Krishna , the Atlantic Ocean, the Nile River)**

Rule 6: Use *the* with countries that include the words "republic", "kingdom", or "states" in their names

My sister lives in United States . w

My sister lives in the United States . r

My brother lives in United Kingdom . w

My brother lives in the United Kingdom . r

Rule 7: Before an adjective in the comparative degree, when the selection of one out of only two persons.

- **Kelly is more beautiful of the two girls in the class. X**
- **Kelly is the more beautiful of the two girls in the class.**

Rule 8: Before the proper names of certain well-known or sacred books.

The Mahabharata, The Ramayana, The Gita, The Bible, The Quran

Rule 9: Before directions (north, south etc.) when these are used as nouns.

the north of India, the Middle East, the West Asia

Rule 10: Before the names of political parties.
the BJP, the Congress

WHEN NOT TO USE “ARTICLE”

Do not use *the* with names of countries:

- **Germany is an important economic power.**

Do not use *the* with the names of languages:

- **French is spoken in France.**

Do not use *the* with the names of meals:

- **Lunch is my favourite meal.**
- **I like to eat breakfast early.**

Do not use *article* with proper nouns:

- **Jaka plays football**

Do not use *the* with titles when combined with names:

- **Prince Charles**
- **Queen Elizabeth**
- **President Clinton**

Do not use *the* after the 's possessive case:

- **His brother's car**
- **Ram's car**

Do not use *the* with professions:

- **Teaching is a well-paid career.**

Do not use *the* with names of shops:

Do not use *article* with uncountable nouns:

Certain food and drink items: bread, butter, cauliflower, celery, cereal, cheese, chicken, chocolate, coffee, corn, cream, fish, flour, fruit, ice

Certain nonfood substances: air, cement, coal, dirt, gasoline, gold, paper, petroleum, plastic, rain, silver, snow, soap, steel, wood, wool

Most abstract nouns: advice, anger, beauty, confidence, courage, employment, fun, happiness, health, honesty, information, intelligence, knowledge, love, poverty, truth, wealth

QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE PREVIOUS EXAMS

1) Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles

- She wants to become.....engineer.
- **(a) no article**
- **(b) the**
- **(c) an**

2) Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles

- It gives us.....pleasure to do the work.
- (a) the
- (b) an
- (c) no article
- (d) a

3) Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles

- This box is made ofwood.
- (a) no article
- (b) a
- (c) an
- (d) the

4) Fill in the blanks with suitable Articles

- In Austria, the people speak.....French.
- (a) a
- (b) an
- (c) the
- (d) no article

COMMON ERRORS

- 1. The English is spoken by English all over the world.
- 2. French is a beautiful race.
- 3. He went to an USA last week.
- 4. The man is mortal.
- 5. The secretary and poet are honored.

ANSWERS

- **1. English is spoken by the English**
- **2. The French**
- **3. the USA**
- **4. Man**
- **5. the poet**





IDIOMS AND PHRASES

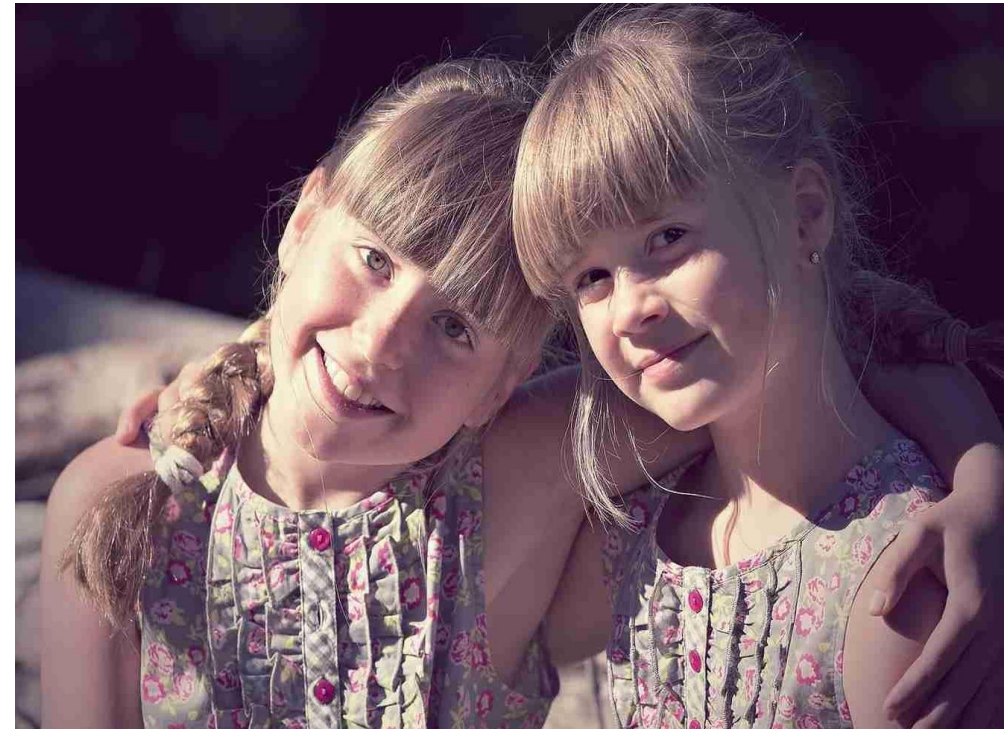
BREAD AND BUTTER- MAIN SOURCE OF INCOME



TO STAVE OFF- POSTPONE



CHEEK BY JOWL - VERY NEAR



Cut no ice –

Had no influence



Fall back –

To turn or move back



Bed of thorns

- which means 'Full of difficulties'
- For example, the path to success is ...



Bronx cheer

- Means to cheer sarcastically.
- The phrase carries a negative connotation.



Neck of the woods -

- is a term used to describe that a place is located nearby



Dressed(up) to the nines

you are wearing very smart clothes for a special occasion.



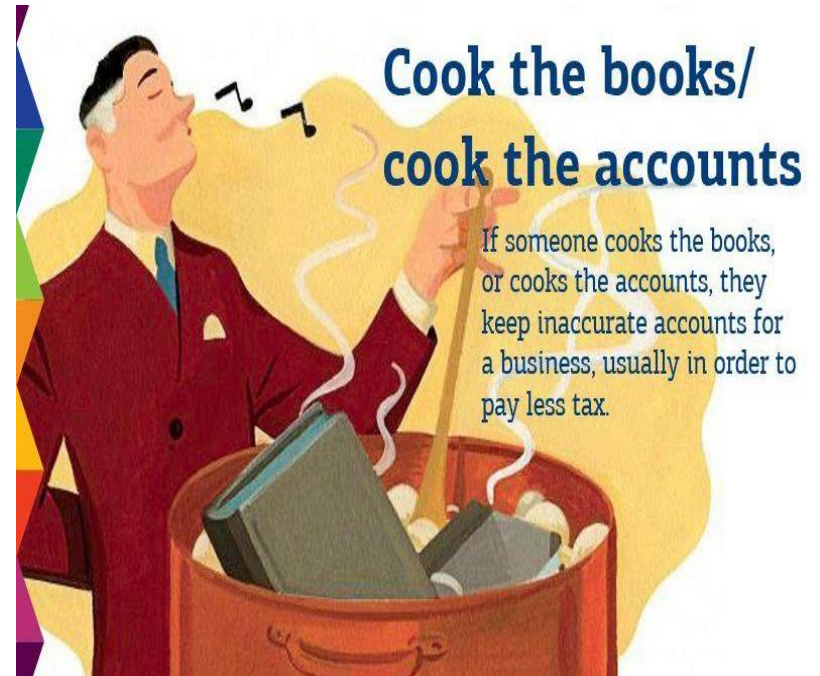
A nest egg –

you have money put away for the future



COOK THE BOOKS | COOK THE ACCOUNTS –

- If someone cooks the books, or cooks the accounts, they keep inaccurate accounts for a business, usually in order to pay less tax



This job is my bread and butter, so

a. I don't really need
it

b. I don't get paid for
it

c. I can't afford to lose
it

He cooked the books of his business, and now he

- a. has been arrested
- b. can't read them
- c. has to eat them

We were all dressed to the nines because we were

- a. going to a wedding
- b. going to play golf
- c. going to the beach

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Their accountant was charged with -----and now he's in jail
- cooking the books
- Bed of thorns
- Cooking the accounts
- Bread and butter

Lola has decided she wants a nest egg, so she's

- a. gone to the shop to get one
- b. saving as much as she can
- c. learning how to grow one

