

23. USING ARTICLES

	GENERAL STATEMENTS	PARTICULAR STATEMENTS	
		Not specific	Specific
SINGULAR COUNT NOUNS	a/an <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>A bill</u> doesn't become law until the president approves it. ■ <u>An appeal</u> is a request made to a higher court to review the decision of a lower court. the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Who invented <u>the telephone</u>? 	a/an <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>The representatives</u> drafted <u>a bill</u>. ■ <u>The guests</u> visited <u>a memorial</u>. ■ <u>The trouble maker</u> was escorted out of the hall by <u>an officer</u>. 	the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>The bill</u> to raise federal income taxes was signed into law. ■ <u>The memorial</u> visited by the guests was built in 1945. ■ <u>The officer</u> who escorted the troublemaker had to use force.
PLURAL COUNT NOUNS	0 (no article) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Bills</u> don't become law until the president approves them. ■ <u>Appeals</u> are heard by higher courts. 	0/some <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Congress proposes <u>some bills</u> whenever it is in session. ■ Congress proposes <u>bills</u> whenever it is in session. ■ <u>Some bills</u> become law, but others are rejected. 	the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The Senate approved <u>the bills</u> to ban school prayers and to raise the federal income tax. ■ <u>The memorials</u> that the guests visited were built to honor war heroes.
NONCOUNT NOUNS	0 (no article) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <u>Water</u> is made up of two atoms of hydrogen and one atom of oxygen. ■ <u>Pollution</u> is a major contributing factor to climate change. 	0/some <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Scientists believe that there is <u>some water</u> trapped beneath the arid surface of Mars. ■ Explorers have found <u>oil</u> in Alaska. 	the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Most of <u>the pollution</u> in big cities is caused by automobiles. ■ <u>The water</u> in the Dead Sea has extremely high salt content.

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