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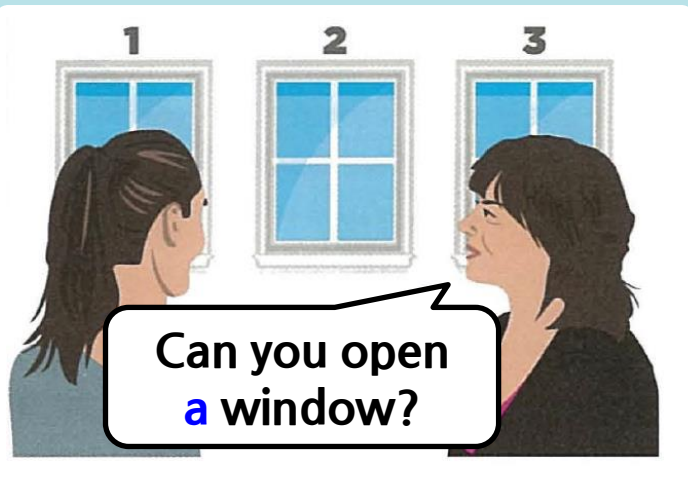
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UNIT 69

a / an and the

a / an



There are three windows here.

⟨a window = window 1 or 2 or 3⟩



UNIT 69

a / an and the

a / an

Is there **a hotel** near here?

There are many hotels - is there one near here?



UNIT 69

a / an and the

the



Can you open
the window?

There is only one window here.

<the window>



UNIT 69

a / an and the

the

We enjoyed our holiday.

The hotel was very nice. <= our hotel>



UNIT 69

a / an and the

Compare **a** and **the**

I bought **a jacket** and **a shirt**.

The jacket was cheap, but **the shirt** was expensive.

<= **the** jacket and **the** shirt **that I bought**>



UNIT 69

a / an and the

We say **the**... when it is clear which thing or person we mean.

the door the ceiling the floor the carpet (of a room)
the roof the garden the kitchen the bathroom (of a house)
the centre the station the airport the town hall (of a town)

'Where's Tom? 'In **the kitchen.**'

(= the kitchen of this house or flat)

Turn off **the light** and close **the door.**

(= the light and the door of the room)





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Exercises 69.1

Write **a** / **an** and **the**.

1

We enjoyed our trip.

_____ hotel was very nice.



Exercises 69.1

Write **a** / **an** and **the**.

2

‘Can I ask _____ question?’

‘Sure. What do you want to know?’



Exercises 69.1

Write **a** / **an** and **the**.

3

You look very tired.

You need _____ holiday.



Exercises 69.1

Write **a** / **an** and **the**.

4

‘Where’s Tom?’

‘He’s in _____ garden.’



Exercises 69.1

Write **a** / **an** and **the**.

5

Eve is _____ interesting person.
You should meet her.





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