

ARTICLE

WHERE NOT TO USE ANY ARTICLE:

1. When a noun is used in the general sense.

Example:

- # Man is mortal. (We are talking of man in the general sense.)
- 2. With plural nouns when they denote a class.

Example:

- 1. Children are usually naughty.
- 2. Animals can also be friendly.
- 3. With the names of meals: dinner, lunch, breakfast.

Example:

- 1. She invited all her friends to lunch.
- 2. Dinner should be taken much before bedtime.
- 4. With the names of diseases: malaria, typhoid (But the measles, the mumps)

Example:

- 1. Malaria is no longer a killer disease.
- 2. Quite a few children suffer from the mumps.
- 5. With languages and branches of knowledge: English, Hindi, History, and Mathematics. (English means the English language. The English means the English people.)

Example:

- 1. English is the language of the English.
- 2. Japanese is a difficult language.
- 6. With the names of days, months and seasons.

Example:

- 1. Sunday is a holiday.
- 2. Our school is closed for summer vacation in June.

