

The definite article

The definite article is **'the'** (*der, die, das*).

Before a consonant, it is pronounced

[ðə]

the book
the house
the teacher

Before a vowel, it is pronounced

[ðɪ]

the English book
the empty house
the old teacher

The indefinite article

The indefinite article is **'a'** and **'an'** (*ein, eine*).

Before a consonant, it is pronounced

[ə]

a book
a house
a teacher

Before a vowel, it is pronounced

[ən]

an English book
an empty house
an old teacher