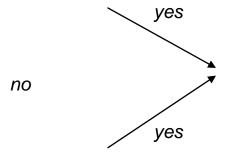
An article tells your reader that a noun is about to appear in a sentence. There are two kinds of articles definite (<i>the</i>) and indefinite (<i>a</i> and <i>an</i>).
First, decide if the noun is a count or non-count noun. A count noun

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Count noun examples window, animal, enclosure, encounter, tree, boat, bridge, avalanche

Concrete noun examples poem, water, figure, crowd, breath, night, day, sunlight, sunset

Abstract noun examples poetry, time, theory, knowledge, space

Referring to something in general Would you hand me <u>a pen</u>? I want to write <u>a letter</u>.

Referring to something specific: Did you notice <u>the moon</u>? We are on <u>the planet Earth</u>.

Plural noun examples windows, animals, enclosures, encounters, trees, boats, bridges, emotions

The rule of of

The time of

<u>day</u>

Adjectives

the third planet