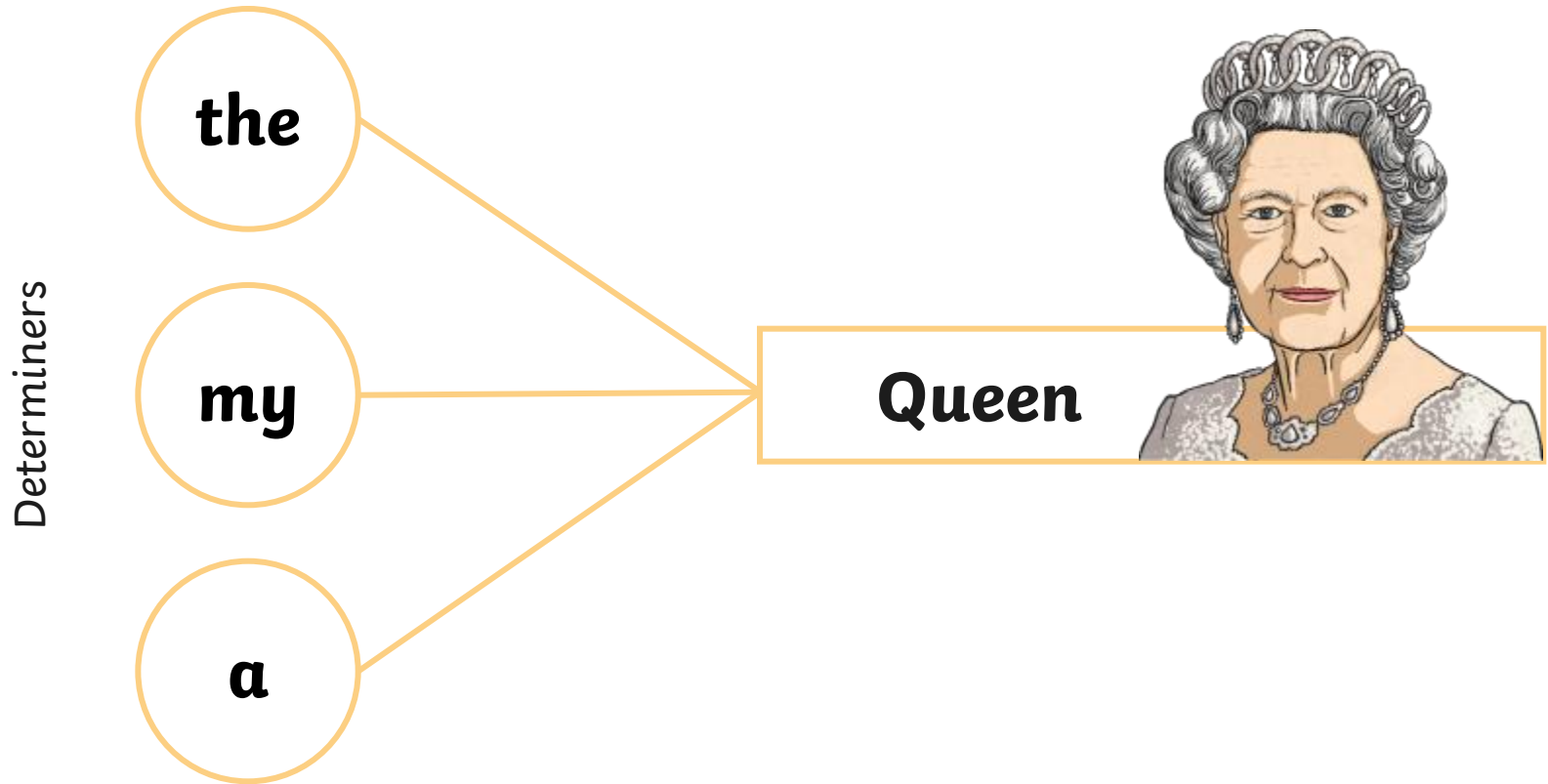


What is a Determiner?

Determiners are words that come before a noun.



They introduce the noun and can give the reader important information about it.

Specific Determiners

These refer to a specific noun.

Use specific determiners when the reader knows exactly what noun you are referring to.

the

The definite article

this

those

these

that

Definite determiners

which

Interrogative
determiner

her

my

his

your

whose

our

their

Possessive determiners

Specific Determiners in Action

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My sister is smiling.

Which film did you go and see?

Try completing this sentence using a specific determiner:

_____ Dad's car broke down on the way home last night.

General Determiners

These refer to general nouns or nouns that the reader does not know.

General determiners can also tell the reader how many nouns you are talking about, these are called **quantifiers**.

a

any

some

five

few

more

an

another

all

enough

many

less

other

what

Quantifiers

Challenge

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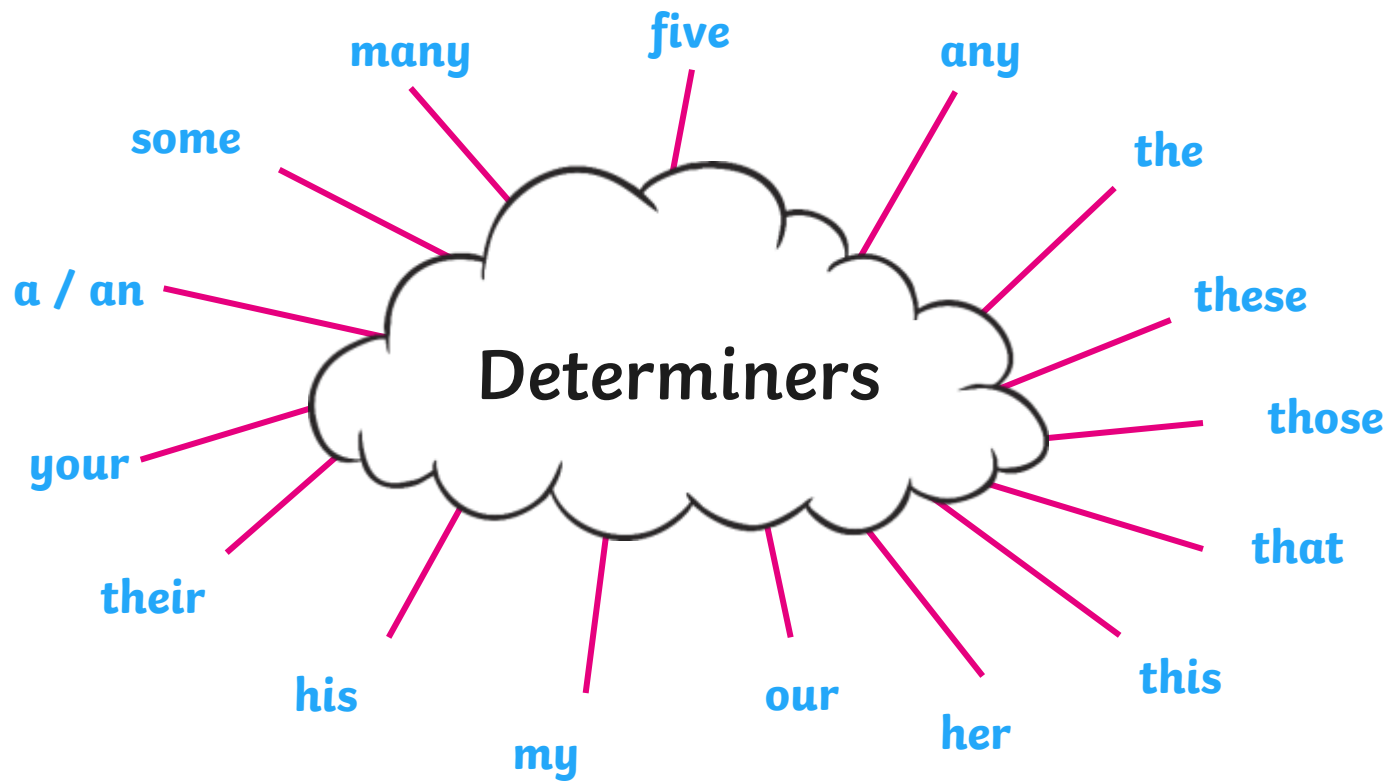
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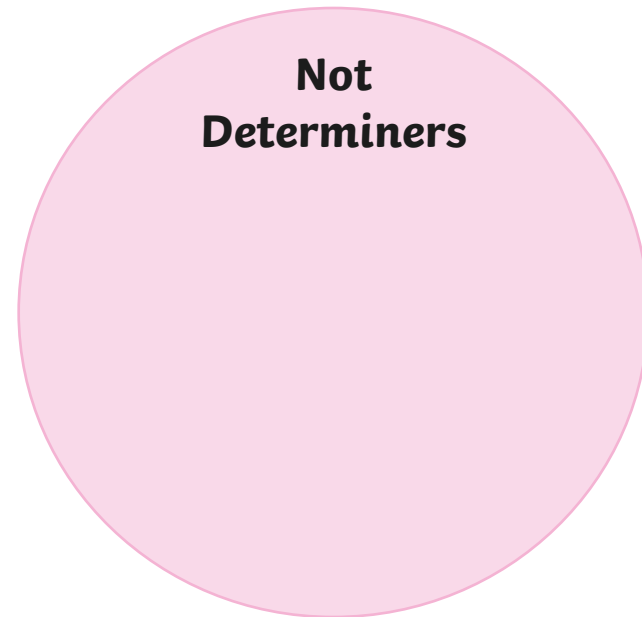
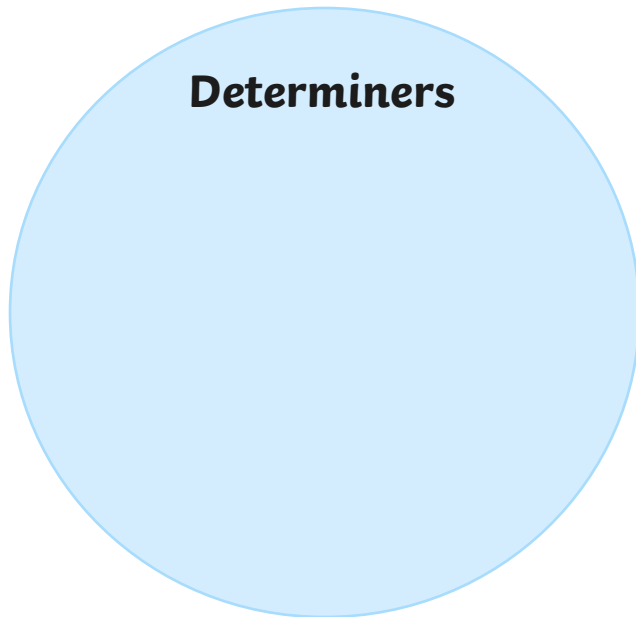
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Determiner Or Not?

Keeping in mind that 'a **determiner** is a word which comes before a noun (or modifier) to introduce it', sort the following words into the correct circles.



ugly

twelve

the

socks

your

my

dog

an

pancake

few

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Add a Determiner

Read the sentences below and add a **determiner** which introduces the noun and gives the reader some important information about it.

_____ king signed _____ important papers.

_____ fridge held _____ eggs and _____ vegetables.

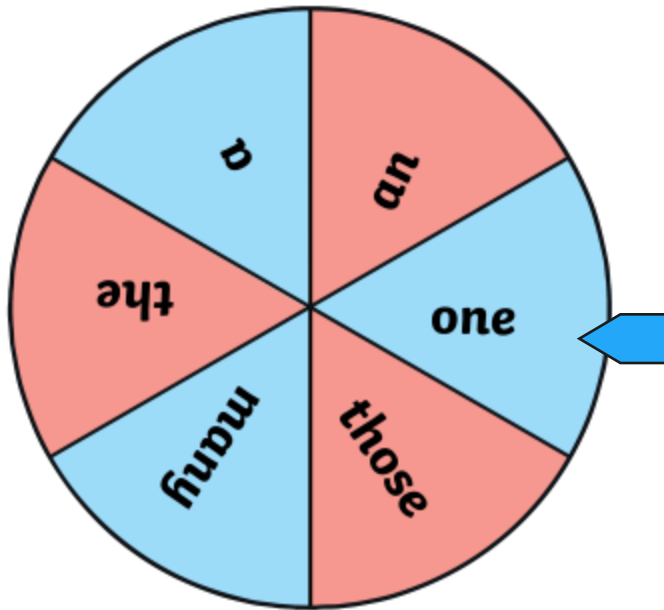
_____ mother and _____ daughters sat together.

_____ children threw _____ ball around _____ circle.

Is there more than one **determiner** which makes sense?

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The Determiner Detectives

Read the following passage of text. How many **determiners** can you see? Make a note of them.

Detective Dwight awoke **one** night to **some** shrieks and shouts outside **his** house. “That is not right,” thought Dwight, so he spied out of **his** bedroom window. Eek! Dwight had **a** fright when he saw something white hiding beneath **the** slide in **his** back garden. “I think that it is time to put on **a** light after such **a** terrible sight,” thought Dwight, but **the** more he thought, **the** more he realised what **that** fright might have been. Dwight crept outside and peered behind **the** slide. **Two** wide eyes... **one** big, fluffy smile... He had found **a** tiny cat, covered in **many** scratches. It must have been in **a** fight. “This will never do,” thought Dwight, so he took **the** cat inside for **a** bath and **a** nice, warm bowl of milk.

Could you change any of the determiners to a different determiner and still have the sentence make sense?

Determiners Quick Quiz

Take a quiz to see if you are an expert!

Is the word which is underlined in this sentence a determiner?

The bridge is not wide enough to let lorries pass.

Yes

No

Bridge is a noun. What is the determiner in this sentence?

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Is the word which is underlined in this sentence a determiner?

Mum burned our tea last night because the oven was too hot.

Yes

No

Well done... but what is the other determiner in this sentence?

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There are many museums and art galleries in Manchester.

Yes

No

Well done. What is the determiner in this sentence?

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“I need some new shoes,” explained Jake.

Yes

No

New is an adjective. What is the determiner?

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Is the word which is underlined in this sentence a determiner?

All morning, three dogs barked in the back garden.

Yes

No

Well done! Which other word is a determiner in this sentence?