

WITH ARTICLES



I met the president yesterday.
(Only the title)

NO ARTICLES



I met President Obama yesterday.
(The title + name)



There is a Mr. Smith who wants to talk to you.
(You don't know who Mr. Smith is.)



Mr. Smith wants to talk to you.
(You know who Mr. Smith is.)



I live in the United Kingdom.
(Official name of a country)



I live in England.
(Unofficial name of a country)



Lisa went to the prison to visit her boyfriend.
(Lisa is NOT the prisoner)



Lisa is in prison because of theft.
(Lisa is the prisoner)

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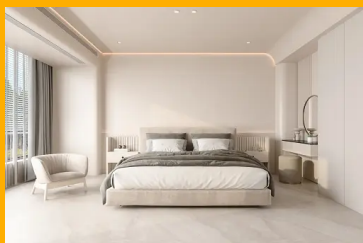


A lot of wild animals live in the woods.
(Woods mean a forest)

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The chair is made of wood.
(Wood is a material)



There is a room on the first floor.
(Room means a part of the inside of a building)



Do you have room for my suitcase?
(Room means space here)



I have a wonderful dinner with my family.
(With an adjective to describe the meal)



I have dinner with my family.
(No adjective to describe the meal)



I caught a cold.
(Symptoms caused by infections)



I suffered from lung cancer.
(Not a symptom but a disease)

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Add a little olive oil to the dish.
(Some, not many)

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There is little olive oil in the dish.
(Not enough)



I need an iron for my suit.
(Iron is a tool)



The machine is made of iron.
(Iron is a material)



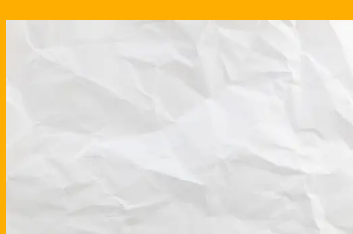
I need a glass of lemon tea.
(Glass is a cup / container)



The vase is made of glass.
(Glass is a material)



I went to a convenience store to buy a paper.
(Paper means newspaper / document)



Paper is white in colour
(Paper is a material)