

Article Decision Tree

Is the noun...

General or Specific?

- First mention, unknown to audience: I used a beaker
- Generalizations: mice are common lab subjects

- Unique/only 1 exists: the sun, the beginning, The UN
- Specified: the ones on top, the beaker I got for my birthday
- Previously mentioned: the beaker was then...
- Shared knowledge (you & audience): it's in the cabinet

Countable or Noncountable?

Experiments
Studies
Authors
Cookies

Research
Homework
Rice

Singular or Plural ?

Experiment
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Researches
Homeworks
Rices

Noncount = no
plural forms

A/AN

<NO ARTICLE>

THE