

**Rules and Corpus Examples on  
Some English Grammar Matters**

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## 1. Determiners

### Definition

A determiner, also called determinative, is a word, phrase, or affix that occurs together with a noun or noun phrase and serves to express the reference of that in the context.<sup>1</sup>

### Types

Common kinds of determiners include the following:

- Definite and Indefinite Articles: *the*, *a* and *an*.
- Demonstratives: *this* and *that*.
- Possessive Determiners: *my* and *their*.
- Quantifiers: *many*, *few* and *several*,
- Numerals: one, thirty and seventy.
- Distributive Determiners: *each*, *any*.
- Interrogative Determiners: *which*.

### Examples from News Online Website

1. I had a friend in **the** British press.
2. I fully believe he'll support **that** child and be there for it.
3. When I got off the bus I forgot **my** bag because I was in such a hurry.
4. We talked about some of the types of yoga, but there are **many** other types.
5. Our research should yield an antimatter drive in sixty, **seventy** years.
6. **Each** treatment plot contained 4 crop rows and 56 cucumber plants.
7. There has been some debate on **which** were the first two to be installed.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.babylon-software.com/definition/determiner/English>

**2. Minus vs. Without**

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