

A. Y Fannod - The Article

1. There is no indefinite article (*a / an*) in Welsh.

e.g. cath - a cat afal - an apple
merch - a girl ysgol - a school

2. There are three forms of the definite article (*the*) in Welsh

- (i) **'y'** is used in front of a consonant. Singular, feminine nouns will undergo a Soft Mutation after **'y'** (except those beginning with **'ll'** and **'rh'**). See *S.M. rule 1*.

e.g. ci - **y** ci - the dog
cath - **y** gath - the cat
bachgen - **y** bachgen - the boy
merch - **y** ferch - the girl

- (ii) **'yr'** is used in front of a vowel and in front of **h**. Remember that **'w'** and **'y'** are vowels in Welsh.

e.g. ysgol - **yr** ysgol - the school
enw - **yr** enw - the name
afal - **yr** afal - the apple
het - **yr** het - the hat

- (iii) **'r'** is used after a word ending in a vowel - no matter whether the word which follows begins with a vowel or with a consonant.

e.g. Mae**'r** plant - **The** children are
Mae**'r** ysgol - **The** school is
Dyma**'r** llyfr - Here's **the** book
Dacw**'r** afon - There's **the** river