

## 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