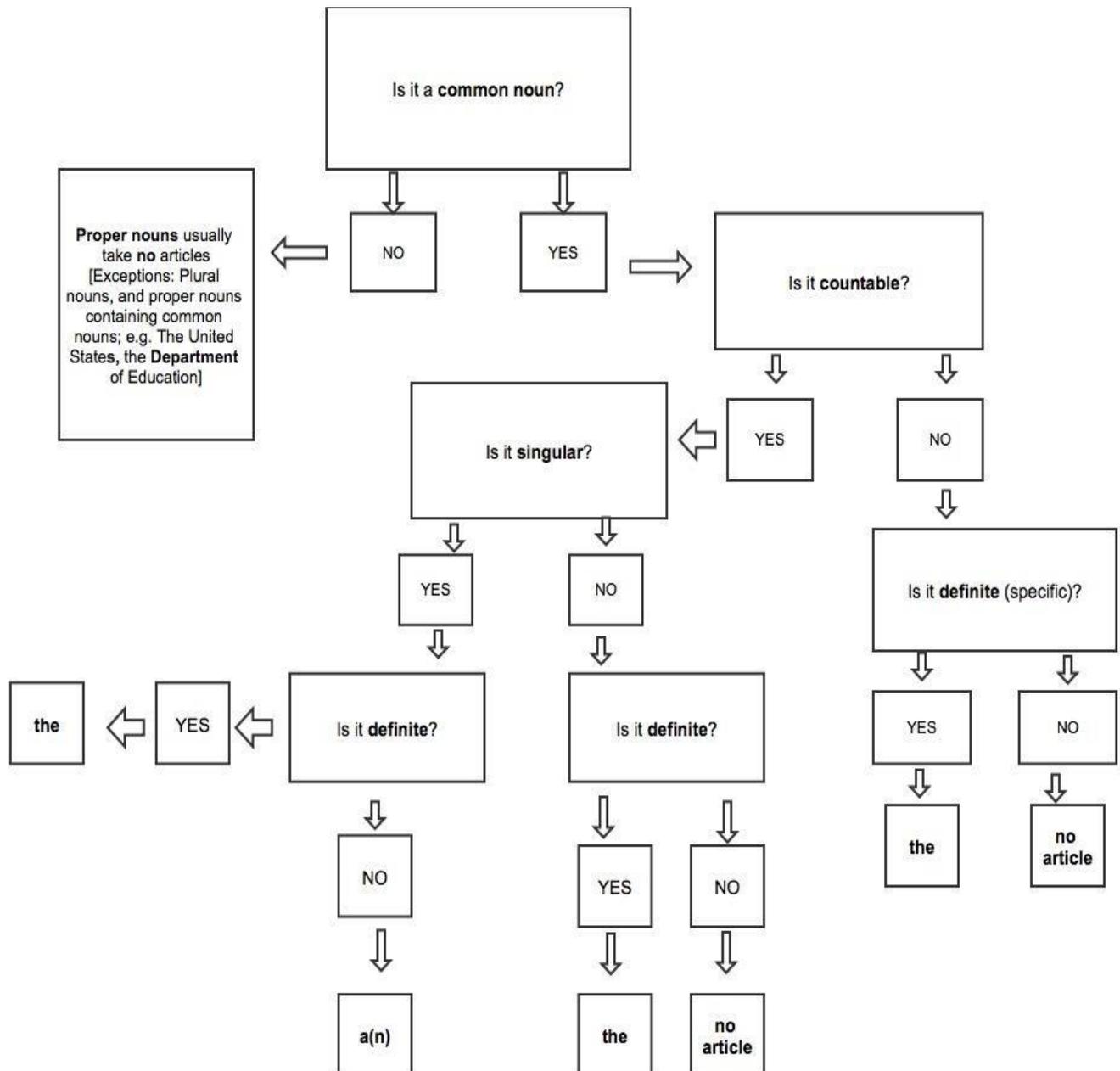


## ARTICLE USAGE FLOW CHART

In English, there are **3** options for articles: **the**, **a/an**, and **no article**.  
How do you know which one to use? You can start by asking yourself these questions:



Of course, there are always exceptions. These might include:

- Specific use of **a/an**: to introduce a *new* or previously unknown *specific* entity.
- Meals and some places are seen as “institutions” and never require an article (e.g., dinner, brunch, church, school, home, etc).
- Generic reference: **all three** articles (a/an, the, and no article) can be used to refer to a whole class of common nouns.
  - **a/an** with *singular countable* nouns (**A man** is only as good as his word.)
  - **no article** with *plural* or *uncountable* nouns (**Honesty** is the best policy. / He likes driving **racecars**.)
  - **the** with *singular countable* nouns (**The doctor** is a respected figure in society.)

