

Determiners

They are used in front of nouns to indicate whether you are referring to something specific or something of a particular type. They are different to pronouns in that a determiner is always followed by a noun. Therefore, personal pronouns (I, you, he, etc.) and possessive pronouns (mine, yours, his, etc.) can't be determiners.

a/an/the are all determiners. You use a specific determiner when people know exactly which thing(s) or person/people you are talking about. The specific determiners are:

the definite article: <i>the</i>
demonstratives: <i>this, that, these, those</i>
possessives: <i>my, your, his, her, its, our, their</i>

For example:

The dog barked at the boy.
These apples are bad.
Their bus was late.

General determiners are used to talk about people or things without saying exactly who or what they are. The general determiners are:

the indefinite articles: <i>a, an</i>			
a few	both	few	neither no other several some
a little	each	fewer	
all	either	less	
another	enough	little	
any	every	many	
		more	
		most	
		much	

For example:

A man sat under an umbrella.
Have you got any English books that I could have?