

The Use of Articles with Names of Months, Days, Seasons

I As a rule, they are used without articles.

E.g. Ø December, Ø January and Ø February are winter months.
Good bye. See you on Ø Tuesday.
Most of all I like Ø spring.

II They are also used with the article (definite/indefinite) according to the general rule.

a/an: 1. When they are modified by a descriptive attribute.

E.g. It was a bitter, cold winter with long, hard frosts.

2. When we mean "one of many" (= какой-то, один из...)

E.g. Robinson Crusoe found his servant on a Friday.

Note: a/an is not used with names of seasons modified by "early" and "late".

E.g. It was Ø early spring.

the: 1. When they are modified by a particularizing attribute.

E.g. The summer of 1980 was unusually cold.

I recollect the Monday we met.

2. When the situation makes them definite (= "this" / "that")

E.g. In March came the first break in the winter.