The Use of Articles with the Nouns
"day", "night", "morning", "evening"

I   **<u>No</u> article is used:**

1. *If they denote a certain part of the day.*
   E.g.   *It was ∅ evening, but we decided to set off on our way to the mountains.*

2. *If "day" and "morning" mean "light" and "night" and "evening" mean "darkness".*
   E.g.   *∅ Day is meant for work, ∅ night for sleep.*

3. *In the expressions "by day", "at (mid)night", "from morning till night".*
   E.g.   *It is easier to work by ∅ day than at ∅ night.*

II   **The <u>indefinite</u> article is used:**

1. *When they are modified by a descriptive attribute.*
   E.g.   *I spent <u>a</u> sleepless night.*

<u>Note:</u>   *a/an isn't used with these nouns modified by "early", "late".*
   E.g.   *It was ∅ early morning when we arrived home.*

III **The <u>definite</u> article is used:**

1. *When they are modified by a particularizing attribute.*
   E.g.   *I will never forget <u>the</u> day when we met.*

2. *When the situation makes them definite.*
   E.g.   *He woke up. <u>The</u> morning was bright.*

3. *In the expressions "in the morning / afternoon / evening".*
   E.g.   *An hour in <u>the</u> morning is worth two in <u>the</u> evening.*