

## Use of articles

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practice based on an internet press release

Complete the text with either a zero article (-), a definite or an indefinite article

1 Digital heaven  
2 (fullspate.digitalcounterrevolution.co.uk)  
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17 of [ ] prophets of artificial intelligence - predicts that within two or three  
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31 For Ray this would be, quite literally, heaven. Once you upload [ ] brain onto  
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33 your virtual self carries on playing Counter Strike for ever.  
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37 why wait for [ ] Second Coming when you can have [ ] shot of nanobots and upload  
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