

# Articles

The words 'a' or 'an', and 'the' are called **Articles**. We use these words before nouns.

## Use of 'A'

Article 'a' is always used before a singular noun.

It is used before a word that begins with a **consonant sound**.

See the following pictures and understand the use of 'a'.



*a football*



*a clock*



*a girl*



*a*



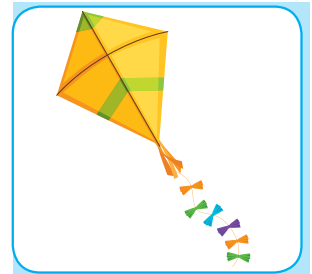
*a duck*



*a horse*



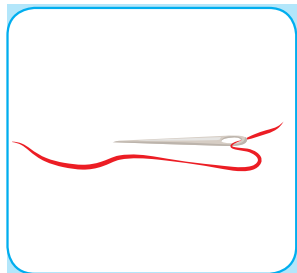
*a dog*



*a kite*



*a man*



*a needle*



*a pencil*



*a rabbit*



*a ship*



*a train*



*a lamp*

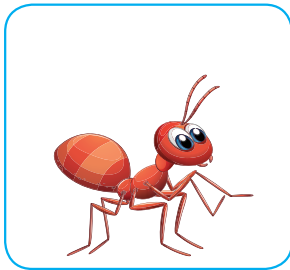


*a watch*

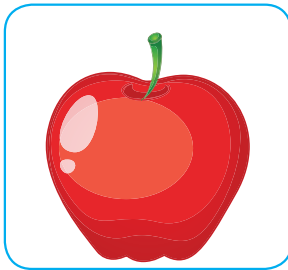
## Use of an

Article 'an' is always used before a singular noun.

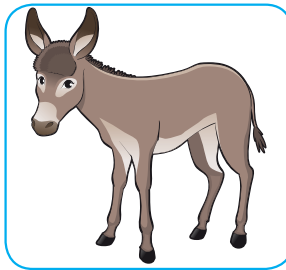
It is used before a word that begins with a **vowel sound**. See the following pictures and understand the use of 'an'.



*an ant*



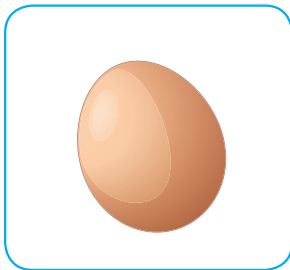
*an apple*



*an ass*



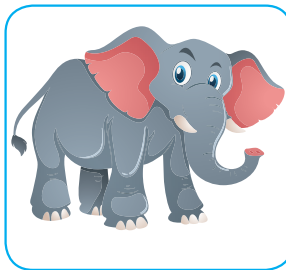
*an aeroplane*



*an egg*



*an eagle*



*an elephant*



*an envelope*



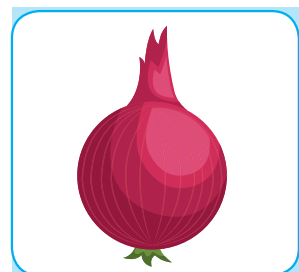
*an igloo*



*an island*



*an inkpot*



*an onion*



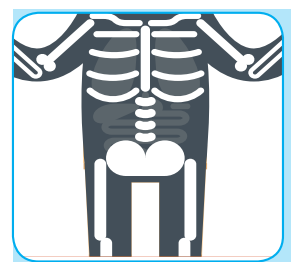
*an owl*



*an ostrich*



*an umbrella*



*an x-ray*

## Use of 'The'

'The' is used before the names of—

### rivers

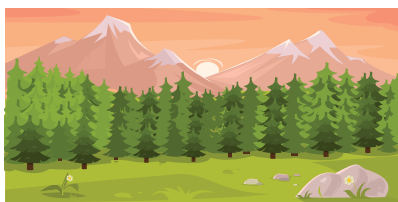


*the Ganga*

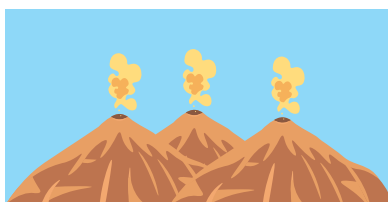


*the Narmada*

### mountain ranges

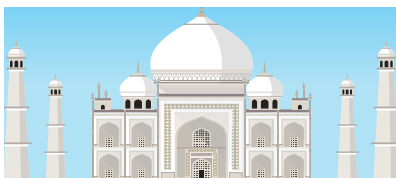


*the Himalayas*

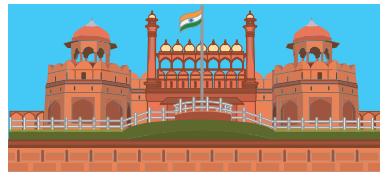


*the Alps*

### famous historical buildings

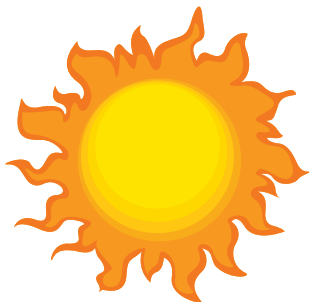


*the Taj Mahal*



*the Red Fort*

### heavenly bodies



*the Sun*



*the Moon*