



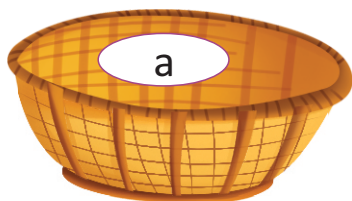
Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn that a and an are used for singular nouns and the is used for specific nouns.
- They will understand when to use a and when to use an (based on vowel sounds).



Lead in

There are three baskets given below named **a**, **an** and **the**. Match the objects with the box where you can put them.



mango

orange

horse

apple

sun

fish

earth

ice cream

bat

eagle

doctor

umpire

tomato

moon

eye

Use of a and an

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet. The 5 letters a, e, i, o, u are called **Vowels**. The other 21 letters are called **Consonants**.

- ⊙ We use **a** before words which begin with a **Consonant Sound**.
- ⊙ We use **an** before words which begin with **Vowel Sound**.
- ⊙ We use **a** and **an** before singular nouns.





Read the following.

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|-----------|------------|--------|-------------|
| a book | a pen | a cat | a mat |
| an orange | an ostrich | an ant | an umbrella |
| an apple | an eye | an owl | an inkpot |



Grammar Byte

When the first letter of a word is silent and the second letter produces a **Vowel Sound**, then we use **an** before it.

Example : an honest man, an hour



Skills/Level
WRITING/A1



A. Put **a** or **an** before these words.

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|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. ____ aeroplane | 2. ____ kite | 3. ____ pear |
| 4. ____ ass | 5. ____ tomato | 6. ____ bicycle |
| 7. ____ bus | 8. ____ onion | 9. ____ train |
| 10. ____ eagle | 11. ____ hat | 12. ____ umbrella |
| 13. ____ cake | 14. ____ car | 15. ____ ant |

Use of the

We use **the** before a particular person, place, thing or animal.

Read these sentences.

- My friend gave me **a pen**. **The pen** is blue in colour.
- I have **a bicycle**. **The bicycle** is red in colour.
- There is a girl and a boy. **The girl** is short but **the boy** is tall.





We also use **the** before things that are special and only one in number.

We say

the Earth

the Ganga

the Gita

the sky

the Moon

the Yamuna

the Ramayana

the Sun

the Taj Mahal

the Quran



Skills/Level
READING & WRITING/A2



B. Fill in the blanks with **a**, **an** or **the**.

1. My father is _____ teacher and my uncle is _____ architect.
2. I read _____ Telegraph daily.
3. Ryan has _____ toy. _____ toy is beautiful.
4. I saw _____ ostrich and _____ crocodile in the zoo.
5. _____ moon shines at night.
6. _____ Sun rises in the east.
7. We use _____ umbrella on rainy day.
8. _____ ant is _____ insect.
9. _____ ship is larger than _____ boat.
10. _____ bear is _____ big animal.



Points to Remember

- ◉ We use **a** before words which begin with a consonant sound.
- ◉ We use **an** before words which begin with a vowel sound.
- ◉ We use **a** and **an** before singular nouns.
- ◉ We use **the** when we talk about a particular person, place, animal or thing.
- ◉ We use **the** before things that are special and only one in number.





My Activity Corner

Play this article board game. Write a noun in each box. As you step in a word, use the correct article for it and move ahead. If you end up in a wrong article, you miss a chance. Let's find the winner.



My EeeBee Interactive Activities



Listening



Speaking



Reading



Writing



Grammar



Vocabulary

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on Communication Lab

