



## Learning Outcomes

- Students will understand the use of "a," "an," and "the."
- They will be able to use articles correctly.



## Lead in

Match the following.

1.



2.



3.



a  
an  
the

4.



5.



6.



An **Article** is a word that is used before a noun to show whether the noun is :

- ⊙ singular or plural.
- ⊙ common or proper.

**A**, **an** and **the** are articles.

## Use of A

**A** is used with singular nouns that begin with a consonant sound.

**Examples :** a bag, a dog, etc.





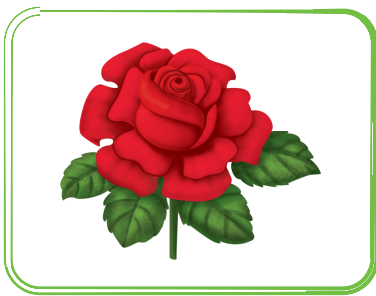
a car



a pineapple



a bus



a rose



a tree



a zebra

The words car, pineapple, bus, rose, tree and zebra are all nouns. All of them are in the singular number. All of them begin with a consonant sound. We have used **a** before them.



### Grammar Byte

◉ 'A' is also used with **Singular Nouns** that begin with a vowel but have a **Consonant Sound**.

**Example:** a university.

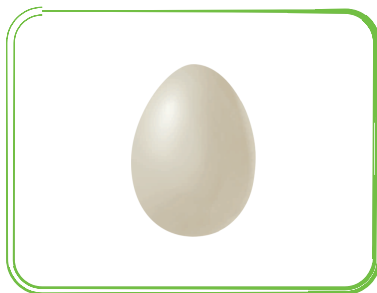
### Use of An

**An** is used before singular nouns that begin with a **Vowel Sound**.

**Examples:** an egg, an ant, an elephant etc.



an orange

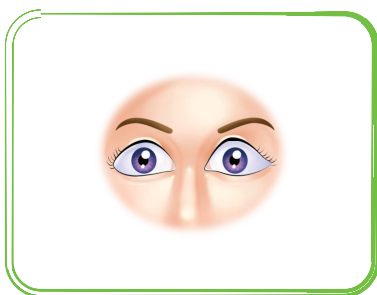
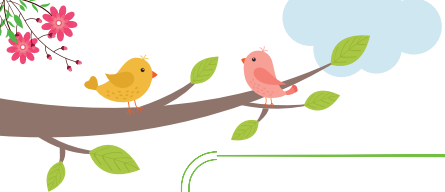


an egg

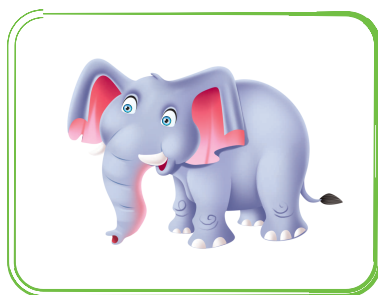


an igloo

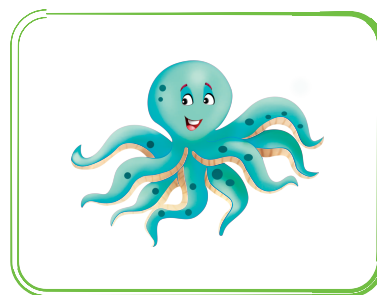




an eye



an elephant



an octopus

The words **orange**, **egg**, **igloo**, **eye**, **elephant** and **octopus** are in the singular number. All of them begin with a vowel sound. We have used **an** before all of them.



## Grammar Byte

◉ **An** is also used before singular nouns that begin with a consonant but have a **Vowel Sound**.

**Example:** an hour, an x-ray, an NGO, etc.



## Spot the Error

an uniform (wrong)

a hour (wrong)

### A. Fill in the blanks with **a** or **an**.



Skills/Level  
WRITING/A1



1. \_\_\_\_\_ guava

2. \_\_\_\_\_ young man

3. \_\_\_\_\_ truck

4. \_\_\_\_\_ ocean

5. \_\_\_\_\_ umpire

6. \_\_\_\_\_ eraser

7. \_\_\_\_\_ chair

8. \_\_\_\_\_ man

9. \_\_\_\_\_ frog

10. \_\_\_\_\_ insect

11. \_\_\_\_\_ university

12. \_\_\_\_\_ girl

13. \_\_\_\_\_ actor

14. \_\_\_\_\_ hour

15. \_\_\_\_\_ lemon

16. \_\_\_\_\_ eagle





## B. Fill in the blanks with a or an.

1. I have been waiting for \_\_\_\_\_ hour.
2. She studies in \_\_\_\_\_ university.
3. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ teacher?
4. My uncle is \_\_\_\_\_ hotel manager.
5. Somali is \_\_\_\_\_ good girl.
6. Mr. Mitra is \_\_\_\_\_ honest man.



## Use of The

We use **a** or **an** when we talk of any person or thing.

We use **the** when we talk of a particular person or thing.

Read the following sentence.

1. Give me **a** pen.  
Give me **the pen on the table**.
2. Call **a** girl.  
Call **the girl with the red frock**.



Skills/Level  
WRITING/A1



## C. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

1. Seema has \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful umbrella.
2. Give me \_\_\_\_\_ pen in your pocket.
3. Who is \_\_\_\_\_ captain of our team?
4. There was \_\_\_\_\_ ice-cube in the glass of water.
5. Metre is \_\_\_\_\_ (a/an) unit of measurement.



## We use the :

- ◉ before the names of rivers, seas and oceans.

**Examples :** the Ganga, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean.

- ◉ before the mountain ranges.

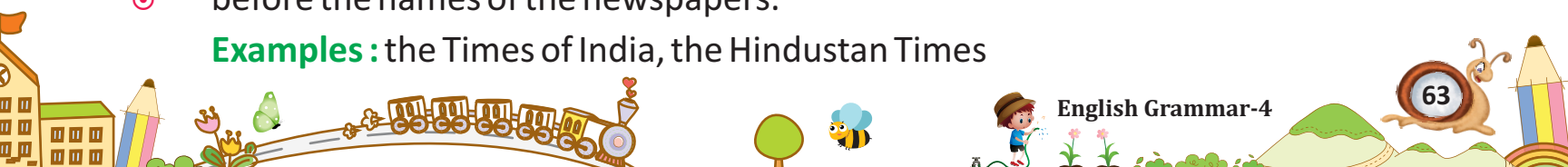
**Examples :** the Himalayas, the Alps

- ◉ before holy and religious books.

**Examples :** the Gita, the Quran, the Bible.

- ◉ before the names of the newspapers.

**Examples :** the Times of India, the Hindustan Times







- ◉ before the names of things that are one of their kind.

**Examples :** the Sun, the Moon

- ◉ before superlatives.

**Examples :** the loveliest, the most powerful

- ◉ before the ordinal numbers.

**Examples :** the first, the last.

### Omission of the Article

**Note the following important points :**

1. No article is used before the names of **languages**; as,  
Aman can speak **English** fluently.  
**Sanskrit** is the most ancient language.
2. No article is used before **proper nouns**; as,  
**Mahatma Gandhi** is called the father of the nation.  
**Delhi** is the capital of India.  
**Chemon** lives in Mumbai.
3. No article is used before **abstract** and **material** Nouns; as,  
**Health** is better than **wealth**.  
**Wisdom** is more useful than **courage**.  
**Iron** is more useful than **gold**.



### Points to Remember

- ◉ **A** is used with singular nouns that begin with a **Consonant Sound**.
- ◉ **A** is also used with singular nouns that begin with a vowel but have a **Consonant Sound**.
- ◉ **An** is used before singular nouns that begin with a **Vowel Sound**.
- ◉ **An** is also used before singular nouns that begin with consonant but have a vowel sound.
- ◉ We use **a** or **an** when we talk of any person or thing.
- ◉ We use **the** when we talk of a particular thing.





## My Activity Corner

Complete the conversation between father and son.

Put in a / an or the.

Father : Look outside, Varun (1) \_\_\_\_\_ sky is getting dark.

Arun : Yes, Papa. It looks as if there is going to be (2) \_\_\_\_\_ storm.

Father : Bring (3) \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella for me. I want to go out for (4) \_\_\_\_\_ walk.

Arun : Mother has gone out with (5) \_\_\_\_\_ umbrella, shall I bring (6) \_\_\_\_\_ raincoat for you?

Father : I will have to change (7) \_\_\_\_\_ shoes also. Do you know where my boots are?

Arun : They are in (8) \_\_\_\_\_ closet, I will bring them for you.

Father : Thank you, Varun.

Arun : Oh Papa! will you do me (9) \_\_\_\_\_ favour? Can you post this card for me?

Father : (10) \_\_\_\_\_ main post office is round (11) \_\_\_\_\_ corner. I will post your card.

Arun : Thank you, very much, Papa.



## My EeeBee Interactive Activities



Listening



Speaking



Reading



Writing



Grammar



Vocabulary

WRITE YOUR SCORE

Practice your LSRW Skills



on Communication Lab

