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| **Articles: Indefinite Articles (A and An)** | | | | |
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| **FORM:** | **a / an + singular count nouns** | | |  |
| **USE:** | **“A”** and **“An”** mean one. They are used to introduce nouns for the first time. They are used in front of singular count nouns. When an adjective is in front of the noun, the article must correspond with the adjective, not the noun.  E.g. A cat is on **a** mat**.** She is **an** old woman.    Use **“A”** when the next word begins with a consonant **sound**.  Use **“An”** when the next word begins with a vowel **sound** (**a, e, i, o, u).**  Remember:  sometimes a vowel may have a consonant sound ,as in the words  **University** (the sound of ‘u’ is ‘y”) or **One** (the sound of ‘o’ is ‘w’).  Sometimes an **initial** consonant may be silent, as in the words **hour** and **honour**. | | | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *Cuba is an island.*  *She is eating a cookie.*  *I have a good idea.* | | | |

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| *Use A or AN before the following words. When completed read your answers aloud to work on pronunciation.* |

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| 1. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balloon | 6. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hotel | 11. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ picture |
| 2. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pen | 7. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ university | 12. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ excellent dancer |
| 3. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sandwich | 8. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ elephant | 13. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nurse |
| 4. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hour | 9. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ long day | 14. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ isle |
| 5. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hobby | 10. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ automatic teller | 15. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ice cream cone |

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| *Fill in the blanks with A or AN in the following sentences.* |

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| 1. | You are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ student. | 7. | This is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ English book. |
| 2. | Today is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hot day. | 8. | This is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beautiful house. |
| 3. | This is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ elegant room. | 9. | He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ very wise man. |
| 4. | This is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ good meal. | 10. | John is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ athlete. |
| 5. | That is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ easy exercise. | 11. | She is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tall woman. |
| 6. | Pierre is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Frenchman. | 12. | He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chubby baby. |

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| 1. | John is \_\_\_\_\_\_ honest boy. | 11. | Mrs. Baker is not \_\_\_\_\_\_ clerk. |
| 2. | Mary is \_\_\_\_\_\_ very intelligent girl. | 12. | I want \_\_\_\_\_\_ orange. |
| 3. | It is not \_\_\_\_\_\_ exciting documentary. | 13. | This is \_\_\_\_\_\_ very good movie. |
| 4. | This is \_\_\_\_\_\_ hotel. | 14. | John and Mary have \_\_\_\_\_\_ new house. |
| 5. | That is \_\_\_\_\_\_ cheap umbrella. | 15. | This is \_\_\_\_\_\_ honour for me. |
| 6. | This is not \_\_\_\_\_\_ good ham sandwich. | 16. | I want \_\_\_\_\_\_ egg for breakfast. |
| 7. | Kay is \_\_\_\_\_\_ nice girl. | 17. | I have \_\_\_\_\_\_ good job. |
| 8. | Mr. Young is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_old man. | 18. | That is \_\_\_\_\_\_ bad idea. |
| 9. | Australia is \_\_\_\_\_\_ island. | 19. | He is \_\_\_\_\_\_ engineer. |
| 10. | I eat \_\_\_\_\_bagel every morning. | 20. | It takes \_\_\_\_\_\_ hour to go to school. |

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| *Fill in the blanks with A or AN.* |
| Jamie lives in (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_ city called Edmonton with his wife and children. He is (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ architect for (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_ large company. His wife is (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_ doctor. She wears (5)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_uniform to work. She works in (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_ hospital close to the house. The children, Alice and Brian, have (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_ dog and (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_ cat. They live in (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_ house on Green Street and have (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_ car and (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_ van. The neighbour is (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_ friend of the family. His children play with Jamie’s children every day for (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_ hour and a half. Today, Jamie is at home in (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_ jogging outfit and eating (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_ apple. (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_ electrician comes to the house to fix (17) \_\_\_\_\_\_ problem with the bedroom light. He leaves (18) \_\_\_\_\_\_ hour later and gives (19) \_\_\_\_\_\_ bill to Jamie. Jamie is upset because it is (20) \_\_\_\_\_\_ expensive price. What can he do, he is not (21) \_\_\_\_\_\_ expert in fixing electrical problems! |