

Articles: Indefinite Articles (A and An)

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.

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 |

Beginner 1- Exercise 3 – Indefinite Articles (A and An)

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

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

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

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

Beginner 1- Exercise 3 – Indefinite Articles (A and An)

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!