

Articles: a / an

a and an with singular countable nouns, 4 exercises + answer key

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

Use a before a consonant sound and an before a vowel sound. The sound decides, not the spelling: a university, an hour.

FROM THE TEACHER

Say the word out loud before you choose. Your ear gets an hour and a university right long before any spelling rule does.

1 Exercise 1

EASY

Choose a or an.

Word bank: a / an

1. I have ____ dog.

3. It is ____ book.

5. I want ____ apple.

7. We need ____ hotel.

9. He bought ____ new phone.

2. She has ____ umbrella.

4. He is ____ engineer.

6. This is ____ car.

8. It's ____ orange.

10. She is ____ artist.

2 Exercise 2

MEDIUM

Write a or an.

1. It's ____ pen.

3. She wants ____ sandwich.

5. This is ____ chair.

7. He is ____ teacher.

9. I see ____ bird.

2. He has ____ idea.

4. I need ____ answer.

6. It's ____ egg.

8. She has ____ office.

10. We have ____ exam today.

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Exercise 3**HARD**

Choose a or an. Listen to the sound, not the spelling.

Word bank: a / an

1. He is ___ honest man.

3. She is ___ university student.

5. He wants ___ European trip.

7. It's ___ unusual day.

9. He is ___ actor.

2. It's ___ hour.

4. I need ___ USB cable.

6. She bought ___ one-way ticket.

8. This is ___ useful app.

10. She has ___ MBA.

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Exercise 4**HARDER**

Write a or an.

1. My brother is ___ doctor.

3. I want to buy ___ jacket.

5. He has ___ small apartment.

7. I need ___ map.

9. He is ___ tall man.

2. There is ___ airport near my city.

4. She is ___ English teacher.

6. It's ___ interesting book.

8. She wants ___ orange juice.

10. This is ___ easy question.

THE MISTAKE ALMOST EVERYONE MAKES

a hour -> an hour. The h in hour is silent, so the word opens with a vowel sound and needs an.

Same exercises, marked for you

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Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Easy: choose a or an

1 a

2 an

3 a

4 an

5 an

6 a

7 a

8 an

9 a

10 an

2 Exercise 2 Medium: write a or an

1 a

2 an

3 a

4 an

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3 Exercise 3 Hard: sound rules

1 an

2 an

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4 Exercise 4 Harder: complete the sentences

1 a

2 an

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