

Articles



Listen and repeat.



a book



a ruler



an eraser



an atlas

The Indefinite Article 'A' - 'An'

a + consonant sound

an + vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u)

We use **a** before **u** when we pronounce it with a **y** sound. a uniform **BUT** an umbrella

We use **an** before **h** when it is silent. an hour **BUT** a horse



Listen and repeat.



the bookcase



the chair



the armchair



the umbrella

The Definite Article 'The'

The /ðə/ + consonant sound

The /ði/ + vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u)

1



Write a or an. Then match the items. Listen and check. Listen and repeat.

- 1 .. a .. guitar
- 2 accordion
- 3 violin
- 4 organ
- 5 piano
- 6 drum
- 7 harp
- 8 tambourine

A



B

C



D



E



F



G



H



2



Put the nouns in the correct columns. Listen and check. Listen and repeat.

baby

orange

meat

animal

egg

octopus

apple

elephant

woman

fork

dress

chocolate

the /ðə/

the /ði/

baby,

apple,



The Chain Game

Play in teams. Student A says a word. Student B must then say a word that begins with the last letter of Student A's word. Whoever breaks the chain is out of the game. Don't forget to use *a/an*!

Student A: an orange

Student B: an egg

Student C: a girl, etc.

We use **a / an**:

- with singular countable nouns when we are talking about them in general.

An elephant is a big animal.
(Which elephant? We don't mean a specific elephant; we mean elephants in general.)

- after the verbs 'to be' and 'have got'.

He's **an** astronaut.
He's got **a** pet cat.

We don't use **a / an**:

with uncountable or plural nouns.

We can use **some** instead.
I don't like **apples**.
I want **some** sugar and **some** strawberries.

We use **the**:

- with singular or plural nouns when we are talking about something specific which we either already know about or it is mentioned for a second time.

The car in front of **the** house is Ted's. (Which car? Not any car. **The** car which is in front of the house.)

- with nouns which are unique.

The sun is shining. (= There's only one sun.)
The Acropolis is in Athens.

- before the names of rivers (the Amazon) and countries when they include words such as **state**, **kingdom**, etc. (the United Kingdom)

We don't use **the**:

with proper nouns or possessive adjectives.

Emma is from **London**.
Her father is from **Leeds**.

BUT

family names and nationalities take **the**.

The Browns live next door.
The Italians eat a lot of spaghetti.

3 Write a, an or some.

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|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1 <u>some</u> tea | 4 ice cream | 7 sandwich | 10 bread |
| 2 lemon | 5 burger | 8 butter | 11 grape |
| 3 omelette | 6 egg | 9 onion | 12 juice |

4 Write the or - .

- 1 Look at Layla!
- 2 weather is nice today.
- 3 Smiths are on holiday.
- 4 Is this Tom's cat?
- 5 Ben is in New York.
- 6 Where is hotel?
- 7 Dad is in kitchen.
- 8 We are from Italy.
- 9 blue bag is yours.
- 10 There is some cheese in fridge.

5 Choose the correct item.

- 1 Have you got onion?
A a (B) an C the
- 2 Where is supermarket?
A a B an C the
- 3 Is this lobster?
A a B an C the
- 4 Are Pyramids in Egypt?
A a B an C the
- 5 My mum is artist.
A a B an C the
- 6 The children are in garden.
A a B an C the
- 7 I haven't got umbrella. I need to buy one.
A a B an C the
- 8 apple in my bag is fresh.
A A B An C The
- 9 Ben has got new digital camera.
A a B an C the
- 10 black dog is ours.
A A B An C The
- 11 Ann's brother is doctor.
A a B an C the

6 Fill in the gaps with a/an or the.

- 1 A: Where are you going this summer?
B: Well, we want to go to 1) an island in Greece.
A: That's fantastic. Which one?
B: We want to go to 2) island of Corfu.
A: It's 3) beautiful island.
- 2 A: Do you know Justin?
B: Yes, I do. He is 1) friend of John's, isn't he?
A: Right. He is 2) one who wants to become 3) pilot. He loves planes.
- 3 A: I eat 1) apple and 2) banana every day.
B: Why do you do that?
A: Don't you know that 3) apple a day keeps 4) doctor away?
B: What about 5) banana then?
A: Well, I don't know but I love bananas.
- 4 A: What does your mother do?
B: She's 1) doctor.
A: And what about your father?
B: He's 2) artist.
A: Oh, that's great.