Unit 65

a/an ...

A

He's got **a** camera.

She's waiting for **a** taxi.

It's **a** beautiful day.

a ... = one thing or person:

- Rachel works in **a bank**. (*not* in bank)
- Can I ask **a question**? (*not* ask question)
- I haven't got **a computer**.
- There's **a woman** at the bus stop.

B

an (*not* a) before **a/e/i/o/u**:

- Do you want **an** apple or **a** banana?
- I'm going to buy **a** hat and **an** umbrella.
- There was **an** interesting programme on TV last night.

also **an hour** (**h** is not pronounced: an ~~h~~our)
but **a university** (pronounced *yuniversity*)
a European country (pronounced *yuropean*)

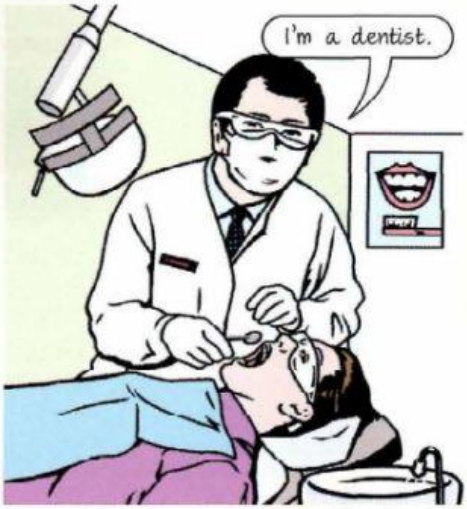
another (= **an** + **other**) is one word:

- Can I have **another** cup of coffee?

C

We use **a/an** ... when we say what a thing or a person is. For example:

- The sun is **a star**.
- Football is **a game**.
- Dallas is **a city in Texas**.
- A mouse is **an animal**. It's **a small animal**.
- Joe is **a very nice person**.



We use **a/an** ... for jobs etc.:

- A: What's your job?
  B: I'm **a dentist**. (*not* I'm dentist)
- 'What does Mark do?' 'He's **an engineer**.'
- Would you like to be **a teacher**?
- Beethoven was **a composer**.
- Picasso was **a famous painter**.
- Are you **a student**?

a car / some money (countable/uncountable) → Units 67–68 a and the → Unit 69

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Exercises

Unit 65

65.1 Write a or an.

1 an old book
2 ..... window
3 ..... horse
4 ..... airport
5 ..... new airport
6 ..... organisation
7 ..... university
8 ..... hour
9 ..... economic problem

65.2 What are these things? Choose from the box.

~~bird~~	fruit	mountain	river	musical instrument
flower	game	planet	tool	vegetable

1 A duck is a bird.
2 A carrot is ..... .
3 Tennis is ..... .
4 A hammer is ..... .
5 Everest is ..... .
6 Saturn is ..... .
7 A banana is ..... .
8 The Amazon is ..... .
9 A rose is ..... .
10 A trumpet is ..... .

65.3 What are their jobs? Choose from the list and complete the sentences.

architect	~~dentist~~	shop assistant	photographer
electrician	nurse	taxi driver	

1 She's a dentist.
2 He's .....
3 She .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....
7 .....
8 And you? I'm .....

65.4 Write sentences. Choose from the two boxes. Use a/an where necessary.

~~I want to ask you~~	Rebecca works in		old house	artist
Tom never wears	Jane wants to learn	+	party	~~question~~
I can't ride	Mike lives in		bookshop	foreign language
My brother is	This evening I'm going to		hat	bicycle

1 I want to ask you a question.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....
7 .....
8 .....

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