

Articles I

a & an

The indefinite article

Grammar Focus

a - before a consonant	an – before a vowel
a box	an apple
a cloud	an orange

Note!

pay attention to the pronunciation rules

a uniform /'ju:nifɔ:m/	an uncle "/'ʌŋkl/
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The indefinite article is used:

- ✓ with singular nouns: *a cat, a window*
- ✓ before phrases of time and measurements: *twice a week, a year, an hour* etc.
- ✓ when we mention someone or something for the first time: *I had a book with me.*
- ✓ with an adjective describing a noun: *a good girl, an orange car* etc.
- ✓ to refer to a particular member of a group:
 - with names of jobs: *John is a doctor.*
 - with religions: *Kate is a Catholic.*
- ✓ mind the words with silent "h": e.g. *an hour, an honor, an honesty* etc.

2. Fill with a/an or empty

- ___ group of ___ stars is called ___ galaxy.
- ___ adult elephant can drink around 210 litres of water ___ day.
- ___ tigers can weigh as much as 300 kilograms (660 pounds).
- Sting is ___ famous singer, but he was ___ teacher in 70s.
- ___ octopus has 3 hearts!
- ___ tiger has striped skin, not just striped fur!
- ___ rainbow is such ___ beautiful thing.

Practice

1. Fill in with a or an

- This is Anna. She's ___ housewife.
- My friend is not ___ Buddhist, he is ___ Christian.
- Kate Winslet is ___ actress.
- He lives in ___ old house.
- You have such ___ nice dress.
- What ___ sunny morning.
- She plays tennis three times ___ week.
- She doesn't like to wear ___ uniform.
- Tommy is going to meet his friend in ___ hour.
- He has ___ banana and ___ orange.
- Alice is ___ good dancer.
- She went to the z ___ 'h ___ uncle.

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a an English teacher

a an opera singer

a an wonderful day

a an university

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a an adult

a an pizza

a an car

a an artist

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a an sandwich

a an armchair

a an teenager

a an football player