# The indefinite articles: a – an

| **a** banana | **a** big orange | **an** apple | **an** expensive pizza |
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- We use *a/an* before a noun when we talk about one thing or person:
  ***a** banana* (= one banana) ***an** apple* (= one apple)
- We use *a* before a consonant sound: ***a** banana* ***a** big orange*
- We use *an* before a vowel sound (*a, e, i, o, u*): ***an** apple* ***an** expensive pizza*

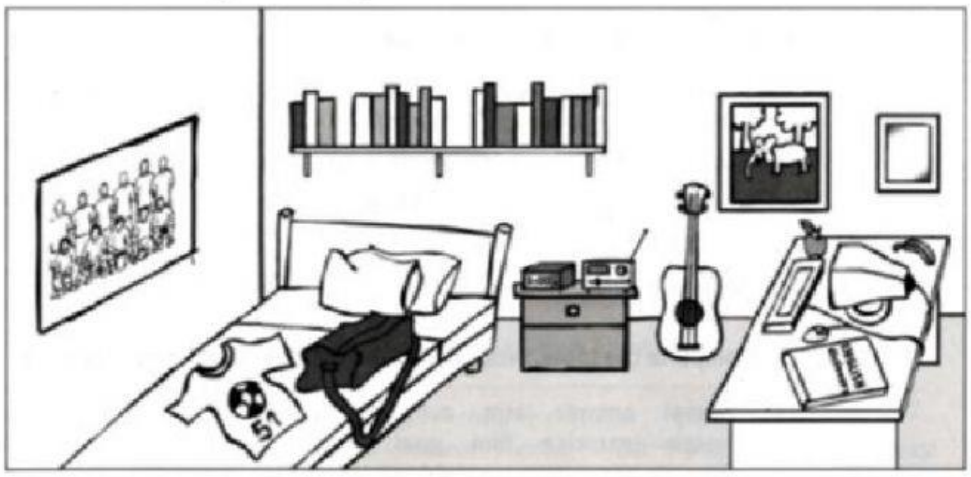
**2b** **Circle the correct answer.**

0 That's *a* / (*an*) excellent idea!
1 Is it *a* / *an* big island?
2 She's *a* / *an* American film star.
3 Are you *a* / *an* new student?
4 It's *a* / *an* ugly place.
5 Chinese isn't *a* / *an* easy language.
6 This is *a* / *an* difficult exam.
7 He's *a* / *an* important writer.
8 Have you got *a* / *an* good encyclopaedia?
9 Is that *a* / *an* nice restaurant?
10 She's *a* / *an* interesting person.

**2** **Put in adjectives.**

▶ a car (*expensive*) an expensive car
▶ an address (*new*) a new address
1 a friend (*old*) .....
2 an apple (*big*) .....
3 a child (*unhappy*) .....
4 a train (*early*) .....
5 an uncle (*rich*) .....
6 a job (*easy*) .....
7 an exercise (*hard*) .....
8 a language (*European*) .....
9 a book (*small*) .....

**2c** **Complete the list of things in Luke's bedroom. Use *a* or *an*. Two things on the list are not in the picture. Can you find them?**



There isn't a _____

and a _____

0 an old desk
1 ..... basketball
2 ..... expensive football shirt
3 ..... bed
4 ..... wallet
5 ..... computer
6 ..... big bag
7 ..... alarm clock
8 ..... English dictionary
9 ..... poster of ..... football team
10 ..... radio
11 ..... guitar
12 ..... apple and ..... banana
13 ..... small mirror
14 ..... picture of ..... elephant
15 ..... long shelf