

The indefinite articles: a – an

a banana a big orange an apple an expensive pizza

- 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.

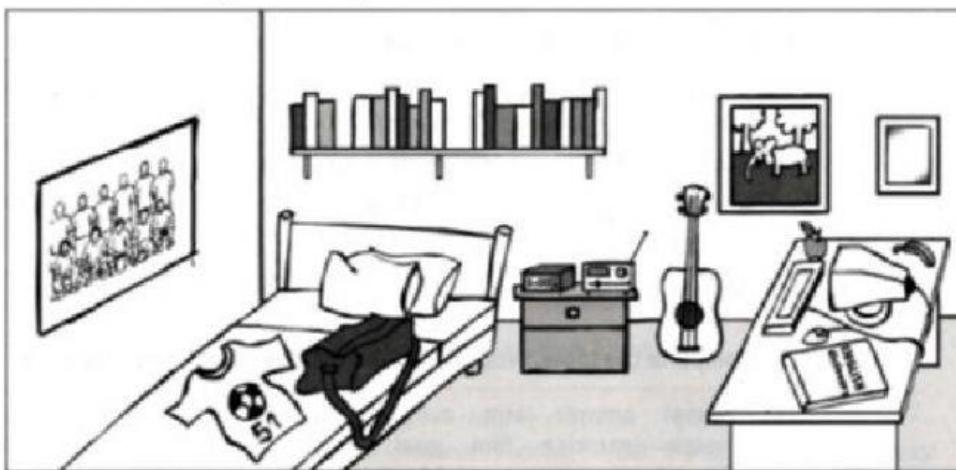
- 0 That's *a* / *an* excellent idea!
- 1 Is it *a* / *an* big island?
- 2 She's *a* / *an* American film star.
- 3 Are you *a* / *an* new student?
- 4 It's *a* / *an* ugly place.
- 5 Chinese isn't *a* / *an* easy language.
- 6 This is *a* / *an* difficult exam.
- 7 He's *a* / *an* important writer.
- 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 <i>an</i> old desk	8 English dictionary
1 basketball	9 poster of football team
2 expensive football shirt	10 radio
3 bed	11 guitar
4 wallet	12 apple and banana
5 computer	13 small mirror
6 big bag	14 picture of elephant
7 alarm clock	15 long shelf