

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*

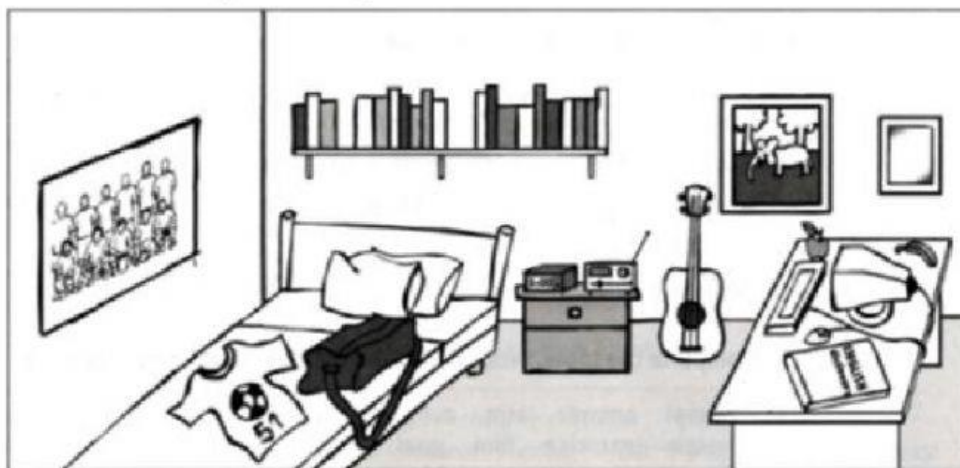
2b Circle the correct answer.

- That's *a / an* excellent idea!
- Is it *a / an* big island?
- She's *a / an* American film star.
- Are you *a / an* new student?
- It's *a / an* ugly place.
- Chinese isn't *a / an* easy language.
- This is *a / an* difficult exam.
- He's *a / an* important writer.
- Have you got *a / an* good encyclopaedia?
- Is that *a / an* nice restaurant?
- She's *a / an* interesting person.

2 Put in adjectives.

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

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 _____

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| 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 |