

## Using a or an

I'm not quite sure when I should use 'a'  
and when I should use 'an'?



The rule is quite simple:

Use **an** before a word that starts with a vowel sound.

(Remember, vowels are a, e, i, o and u.)

If the word does not start with a vowel sound use **a**.

So, you should say **a** man, **a** coat and **a** hat  
and **an** elephant **an** ant and **an** octopus.

Put **a** or **an** into these sentences:

1. .... apricot tree might be found in .... orchard.
2. I am going to see .... exciting film about .... car chase.
3. You might see .... ostrich in .... zoo.
4. I am sitting on .... seat waiting to start .... exam.

Write sentences using these pairs of words:

(You do not need to keep the pairs of words in the same order.)

5. a pilot      an aeroplane: .....

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6. an eagle      a mouse .....

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7. an island      a pirate .....

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8. an oar      a boat .....

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