

Grammar Station

Articles

- The words **a**, **an**, and **the** are **articles**. We put them before nouns.
- We use **a** or **an** before singular nouns.
- We use **the** before a specific thing or only one of something.

Article	Article + Noun
a consonant sounds	a bike a dress a park a test a coat
an vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u)	an artist an elephant an island an octopus an umbrella
the specific thing	I see a boy. The boy is handsome.
only one of something	the sun the moon the sky



This is a dress.



My aunt is an artist.



I see a boy. The boy is handsome.



The sun is bright.

Circle **a** or **an** for each noun.

- (**a** / **an**) pencil
- (**a** / **an**) artist
- (**a** / **an**) girl
- (**a** / **an**) octopus
- (**a** / **an**) iguana
- (**a** / **an**) park
- (**a** / **an**) desk
- (**a** / **an**) eraser

A Choose and write **a** or **an** before each noun.

candle	igloo	bookshelf	eraser	scientist
roof	ant	party	umbrella	office

a

a candle

an

an

B Complete the sentences with **a** or **an**.

- I have **a** bike.
- You wear **a** dress.
- This is **an** onion.
- I see **an** elephant.
- There is **a** iguana.
- She has **a** coat.
- Tom has **a** backpack.
- He is **an** engineer.

C Circle the correct words.



- I see (**a** / **an**) man.
(**A** / **The**) man is tall.
- He has (**a** / **an**) owl.
(**An** / **The**) owl is cute.
- There is (**a** / **an**) snake.
(**A** / **The**) snake is long.
- (**An** / **The**) moon is yellow.
(**A** / **The**) moon is yellow.

Practice

A Choose and complete the sentences.



—doll eraser ruler orange
umbrella robot kite jacket

1. The girl has a doll, an eraser, a ruler, and an orange jacket.
2. The boy has a robot, a kite, an umbrella, and a jacket.

B Complete the sentences with *a*, *an*, or *the*.

1. Susan has a coat. The coat is pretty.
2. There is an elephant. The elephant is very huge.
3. Mr. Brown has a truck. The truck is old.
4. My sister has an iguana. The iguana is cute.
5. I have a bike. The bike is red.
6. The sky is blue, and the sun is bright.

C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

1. Jack has a aunt. → Jack has an aunt.
2. My uncle has an garden. → My uncle has a garden.
3. I have a idea. → I have an idea.
4. There is a eagle. → There is an eagle.
5. An sun is hot. → The sun is hot.

Grammar in Writing

When you write a story, you need to use the right articles before nouns.

Complete the story with *a*, *an*, or *the*.

The circus is in town. We are at the circus!

There is a monkey, a bear, and an elephant.

The monkey juggles balls.

The bear rides a bike.

The elephant stands on a big ball.

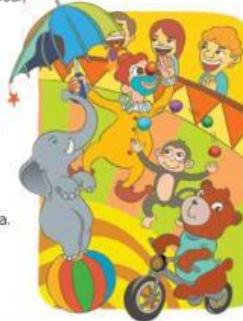
People cheer for the animals.

There is a clown, too.

The clown has an umbrella.

It is big and old. People

cheer for the clown, too.



Review!

Complete the chart.

consonant sounds	<u>a</u> truck	<u>a</u> coat	<u>a</u> bookshelf	<u>a</u> test
vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u)	<u>an</u> artist	<u>an</u> eagle	<u>an</u> island	<u>an</u> owl
specific thing	He has a camera.	camera is very nice.		
only one of something	sun	moon	<u>the</u> sky	

Articles

A Write *a* or *an* and write the letters.1. owl2. snake3. man4. artist

a



b



c



d



B Circle the correct words.

1. Nadia sees (a / an) woman.
2. I have an uncle and (a / an) aunt.
3. There is an elephant and (a / an) iguana.
4. Mr. Pearce eats (a / an) orange every day.
5. Rosemary wants (a / an) bike.

C Circle the correct words and complete the sentences.

1. cook Ken is (a / an) _____.
2. ant There is (a / an) _____.
3. truck My father has (a / an) _____.
4. mop Holly needs (a / an) _____.
5. umbrella Mrs. Hunter has (a / an) _____.



Change and rewrite the sentences with *a*, *an*, or *the*.

1. Jodie wants hamburger. → _____
2. My mom has apron. → _____
3. Sky is dark. → _____
4. There is pear and orange. → _____
5. Mary sees moon. → _____



Complete the passage with *a*, *an*, or *the*.

1. _____ sky is blue, 2. _____ sun is bright.

I see some clouds. 3. _____ clouds look like many animals.

Look! There is 4. _____ sheep. There is _____ elephant.

There is 6. _____ 5. bear. There is 7. _____ alligator.

I see 8. _____ zoo in 9. _____ sky.

Test Station



Choose the correct answers.

1. Brian has _____ umbrella. (a) a (b) an
2. They need _____ house. (a) a (b) an
3. Jessica looks at _____ sun. (a) a (b) the



Choose the wrong sentences.

4. (a) She wants a apple.
5. (a) We see a woman.
- (b) There is a farm.
- (b) My uncle has an flute.