

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

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

- I have _____ bike.
- You wear _____ dress.
- This is _____ onion.
- I see _____ elephant.
- There is _____ iguana.
- She has _____ coat.
- Tom has _____ backpack.
- He is _____ 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) sky is dark.
(A / The) moon is yellow.

A Choose and complete the sentences.



- doll—
- eraser
- ruler
- orange
- umbrella
- robot
- kite
- jacket

1. The girl has a doll, _____, _____, and _____.
2. The boy has _____, _____, _____, and _____.

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

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

C Correct the underlined words and rewrite the sentences.

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

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

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

The circus is in town. We are at the circus!
 There is a monkey, _____ bear,
 and _____ elephant.
 _____ monkey juggles balls.
 _____ bear rides a bike.
 _____ elephant stands on a big ball.
 People cheer for _____ animals.
 There is _____ clown, too.
 _____ clown has _____ umbrella.
 It is big and old. People
 cheer for _____ clown, too.



Review!

Complete the chart.

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

Articles

A Write *a* or *an* and write the letters.1. _____ owl2. _____ snake3. _____ man4. _____ artist**B** Circle the correct words.

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

C Circle the correct words and complete the sentences.

- cook Ken is (a / an) _____.
- ant There is (a / an) _____.
- truck My father has (a / an) _____.
- mop Holly needs (a / an) _____.
- umbrella Mrs. Hunter has (a / an) _____.

D 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. → _____

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

1. _____ sky is blue, 2. _____ and _____ 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. (b) There is a farm.
5. (a) We see a woman. (b) My uncle has an flute.