

# A - AN

## The difference between A and AN

**A** and **AN** have the same meaning. **A** and **AN** are indefinite articles. The difference depends on the sound at the beginning of the next word.

When the next word starts with a **CONSONANT** SOUND

**A**

a book   a frog   a car   a lemon   a dog   a truck

When the next word starts with a **VOWEL** SOUND

**AN**

an apple   an orange   an egg   an umbrella   an insect   an actor

**BE CAREFUL!** The **SOUND** of the letter is important

a house   BUT   an hour

The **H** at the beginning of **hour** is **silent**.

an uncle   BUT   a university

The **U** at the beginning of **university** sounds like **YOU**.

This rule applies to all words after **A** or **AN** (including adjectives, adverbs...)

a cold day

an easy lesson

a very crazy person

an interesting class

Complete the sentences using **a** or **an**.

- 1 It's ..... new book.
- 2 She's ..... English teacher.
- 3 Are you ..... student?
- 4 Britain is ..... island.
- 5 They're at ..... restaurant.
- 6 He's ..... waiter.
- 7 It's ..... ugly house.
- 8 Here's ..... ticket for the play.
- 9 He's ..... good worker.
- 10 It's not ..... easy language.