

a/an, plurals – singular and plural forms

A/AN & PLURALS IN ENGLISH

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	SINGULAR	PLURAL	SPELLING
REGULAR PLURAL	a student an apple a bus a box a baby a country a day a toy a shelf a wife	students apples buses boxes babies countries days toys shelves wives	general rule add -s after -s, -ch, -sh, -x add -es after consonant + -y delete -y and add -ies after -ay, -ey, -oy add -s after -f or -fe delete -f or -fe and add -ves
IRREGULAR PLURAL	a man a woman a child a foot a tooth a fish a mouse a sheep	men women children feet teeth fish mice sheep	USE AN + SILENT H- an hour (silent h-) a hat (not silent h-) USE A + U- (PRONOUNCED [ju:]) an umbrella (pronounced [ʌ] NOT [ju:]) a university (pronounced [ju:]) ⚠ DO NOT USE A/AN WITH PLURALS ❌ These are a tables. ✅ These are tables.

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EXERCISE 1. Choose a/an for the following words.

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| 1. It's _____ animal. | 6. I'm _____ English teacher. |
| 2. I need _____ new bed. | 7. I need _____ hat. |
| 3. It's _____ useful machine. | 8. Is she _____ student? |
| 4. I'm _____ waiter. | 9. We have _____ ugly duck. |
| 5. Do you have _____ umbrella? | 10. I need _____ hour. |

EXERCISE 2. Write plurals of the following singular words.

EXAMPLE: A nice sofa ⇒ nice **SOFAS**

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| 1. a university ⇒ _____ | 6. a dirty bag ⇒ dirty _____ |
| 2. a sandwich ⇒ _____ | 7. an expensive watch ⇒ expensive _____ |
| 3. a street ⇒ _____ | 8. a new phone ⇒ new _____ |
| 4. a rich man ⇒ rich _____ | 9. a nice photograph ⇒ nice _____ |
| 5. one foot ⇒ two _____ | 10. One glass of wine ⇒ two _____ of wine |

EXERCISE 3. Write a/an before the singular words and write the plural forms.

EXAMPLE: EXAMPLE: An olive ⇒ olives

1. _____ bus ⇒ _____
2. _____ nice family ⇒ nice _____
3. _____ Italian child ⇒ Italian _____
4. _____ strong tooth ⇒ strong _____
5. _____ nice dress ⇒ nice _____
6. _____ angry wife ⇒ angry _____
7. _____ uniform ⇒ _____
8. _____ amazing website ⇒ amazing _____
9. _____ elephant ⇒ _____
10. _____ empty library ⇒ empty _____