

The indefinite articles: a – an

a banana a big orange an apple an expensive pizza

- We use *a/an* before a noun when we talk about one thing or person:
a banana (= one banana) *an apple* (= one apple)
- We use *a* before a consonant sound: *a banana* *a big orange*
- We use *an* before a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u): *an apple* *an expensive pizza*

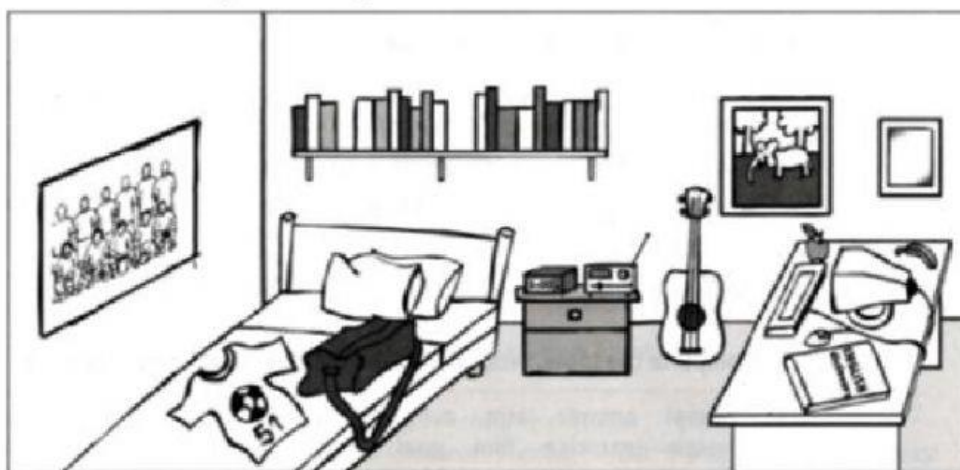
2b Circle the correct answer.

- That's a / an excellent idea!
- Is it a / an big island?
- She's a / an American film star.
- Are you a / an new student?
- It's a / an ugly place.
- Chinese isn't a / an easy language.
- This is a / an difficult exam.
- He's a / an important writer.
- Have you got a / an good encyclopaedia?
- Is that a / an nice restaurant?
- She's a / an interesting person.

2 Put in adjectives.

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| ▶ a car (expensive) <i>an expensive car</i> | 5 an uncle (rich) |
| ▶ an address (new) <i>a new address</i> | 6 a job (easy) |
| 1 a friend (old) | 7 an exercise (hard) |
| 2 an apple (big) | 8 a language (European) |
| 3 a child (unhappy) | 9 a book (small) |
| 4 a train (early) | |

2c Complete the list of things in Luke's bedroom. Use *a* or *an*. Two things on the list are not in the picture. Can you find them?



There isn't a _____
and a _____

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| 0 <i>an</i> old desk | 8 English dictionary |
| 1 basketball | 9 poster of football team |
| 2 expensive football shirt | 10 radio |
| 3 bed | 11 guitar |
| 4 wallet | 12 apple and banana |
| 5 computer | 13 small mirror |
| 6 big bag | 14 picture of elephant |
| 7 alarm clock | 15 long shelf |