

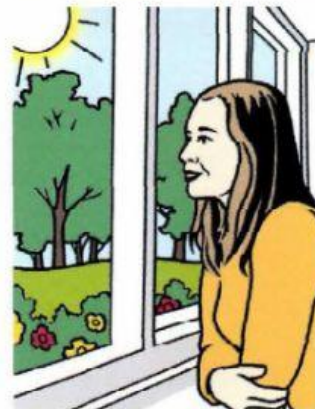
A



He's got **a** camera.



She's waiting for **a** taxi.



It's **a** beautiful day.

a ... = one thing or person:

- ☐ Rachel works in **a bank**. (*not* in bank)
- ☐ Can I ask **a question**? (*not* ask question)
- ☐ I haven't got **a computer**.
- ☐ There's **a woman** at the bus stop.

B

an (*not* a) before **a/e/i/o/u**:

- ☐ Do you want **an** apple or **a** banana?
- ☐ I'm going to buy **a** hat and **an** umbrella.
- ☐ There was **an** interesting programme on TV last night.

also **an hour** (**h** is not pronounced: **an** ~~hour~~)

but **a university** (pronounced *yuniversity*)

a European country (pronounced *yuropean*)

another (= **an** + **other**) is one word:

- ☐ Can I have **another** cup of coffee?

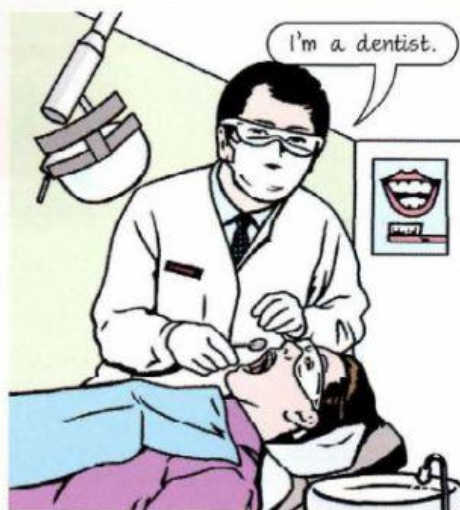
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We use **a/an** ... when we say what a thing or a person is. For example:

- ☐ The sun is **a** star.
- ☐ Football is **a** game.
- ☐ Dallas is **a** city in Texas.
- ☐ A mouse is **an** animal. It's **a** small animal.
- ☐ Joe is **a** very nice person.

We use **a/an** ... for jobs etc.:

- ☐ A: What's your job?
- B: I'm **a** dentist. (*not* I'm dentist)
- ☐ 'What does Mark do?' 'He's **an** engineer.'
- ☐ Would you like to be **a** teacher?
- ☐ Beethoven was **a** composer.
- ☐ Picasso was **a** famous painter.
- ☐ Are you **a** student?



Exercises

Unit 65

65.1 Write a or an.

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| 1 <u>an</u> old book | 4 airport | 7 university |
| 2 window | 5 new airport | 8 hour |
| 3 horse | 6 organisation | 9 economic problem |

65.2 What are these things? Choose from the box.

bird	fruit	mountain	river	musical instrument
flower	game	planet	tool	vegetable

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| 1 A duck is <u>a bird</u> . | 6 Saturn is |
| 2 A carrot is | 7 A banana is |
| 3 Tennis is | 8 The Amazon is |
| 4 A hammer is | 9 A rose is |
| 5 Everest is | 10 A trumpet is |

65.3 What are their jobs? Choose from the list and complete the sentences.

architect	dentist	shop assistant	photographer
electrician	nurse	taxi driver	



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| 1 <u>She's a dentist.</u> | 5 |
| 2 He's | 6 |
| 3 She | 7 |
| 4 | 8 And you? I'm |

65.4 Write sentences. Choose from the two boxes. Use a/an where necessary.

I want to ask you	Rebecca works in	+ old house artist
Tom never wears	Jane wants to learn	
I can't ride	Mike lives in	
My brother is	This evening I'm going to	
		party question
		bookshop foreign language
		hat bicycle

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| 1 <u>I want to ask you a question.</u> |
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