

Articles *a* / *an*

Learn!

a teacher a hotel a university an engineer
a cat a horse a young man an honest person

Work it out!

1 Underline the correct answer.

- Use articles *a* and *an* to refer to *singular* / *plural* nouns.
- A* / *An* comes before a vowel or a vowel sound.
- A* / *An* comes before a word beginning with a silent "h."
- Use *a* / *an* before a word with a / ju / sound.
- Use *a* / *an* before a consonant sound.

Use!

animal exit hero historic event hobby
hour orchestra robot uncle yellow flower

1 Classify the words in the corresponding box.

a	an

2 Complete with *a* or *an*.

- I have _____ hundred dollars!
- She's _____ great singer.
- He wants _____ MP3 player.
- There is _____ hen in the garden!
- Poor Rita, she has _____ headache.
- Is this _____ electric shaver?
- It was _____ awful experience!
- Mark lives near _____ university.
- We've been here for _____ hour!
- He bought _____ car.

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- a. Samuel is **an** engineer.
- b. I've bought **a** new cell phone.
- c. Tim works in **a** factory.
- d. **The** history teacher is really good.
- e. **The** cats in the neighborhood were making a lot of noise last night.
- f. **The** coffee on the top of the shelf is decaffeinated.
- g. **The** old, **the** sick and **the** unemployed need our special care.
- h. How many astronauts have landed on **the** moon?
- i. **Dogs** are not allowed in this shop.
- j. **Milk** is good for you
- k. Eugene comes from **France**.

Work it out!

1 Write the letter of the sentence(s) that match their explanations below.

- a. We use the articles *a / an* with singular nouns:
 - when the listener does not know which person or thing we are talking about: _____
 - to describe the job of a person: _____
 - when you mention something for the first time: _____
- b. We use *the* with singular, uncountable and plural nouns
 - when it is clear which thing or person we are talking about: _____, _____ and _____
 - when there is only one of something: _____
 - for nationalities and other groups: _____
- c. We use *Zero article* (no article) with plural and uncountable nouns:
 - when we are talking generally: _____ and _____.
 - with most countries, states and cities: _____

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1 Underline the correct word in each sentence. If no article is necessary, circle X.

- a. Where's *an / the* entrance key? I can't find it.
- b. What happened at *an / the* end of *a / the* movie?
- c. Sam has *an / the* appointment at the doctor's.
- d. *An / The* old person sometimes feels lonely.
- e. I'm thinking of buying *a / the* new pair of shoes.
- f. I'm not sure if he is in *the / X* England or Scotland.
- g. I loved *the / X* chocolates you gave me.
- h. Eating too much *X / the* sugar is not healthy.