

Articles a, an, the

Introduction

This worksheet lets students work on using articles in simple sentences.

In the Lesson

Provide each student with a copy of the two-page worksheet. Be sure to explain any new words your students might encounter.

In exercise 1, the students review when a/an/the is used. Stress the importance of letter sounds. Then in exercise 2, students sort the nouns to the correct article (a/an). There are two nouns that (unicorn/hour) that may be tricky for some.

In exercise 3, students write the correct article on the lines, and in exercise 4 they correct the article mistakes.

For exercise 5, have students start by using the words in the box, then encourage them to come up with other nouns on their own. They can use google/dictionaries/language textbooks for help.

Exercise 1 answer key

1. the
2. a
3. an

Exercise 2 answer key

<u>a</u>	<u>an</u>
house, car, unicorn,	elephant, umbrella,
table, jar, shoe,	acorn, igloo, hour,
muffin, computer,	octopus, elevator,
train, brush, llama,	ant, umpire, eye,
woman, doll, rat,	island
gorilla, feather, nail	

Exercise 3 answer key

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| 1. an | 6. an |
| 2. a | 7. a |
| 3. an | 8. an |
| 4. a | 9. the |
| 5. the | 10. a |

Exercise 4 answer key

1. the moon
2. an umbrella
3. a pen
4. The zoo
5. an egg, a piece of toast

Focus	Aim	Level	Time
Articles a/an/the	To practice a/an/the in simple sentences.	A1	35-45 minutes

'ARTICLES (A/AN/THE)'

Articles are small words we use to identify nouns.



1 Read the definitions below and write a, an, the in the blanks where they belong.

1. Use _____ when you talk about a specific thing or something already mentioned.
e.g. I see _____ moon.
2. Use _____ before singular nouns that start with a consonant sound.
e.g. I have _____ dog.
3. Use _____ before singular nouns that start with a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u).
e.g. She eats _____ apple.

2 Sort the following nouns into the correct box.

house car unicorn elephant umbrella table jar
shoe acorn muffin computer igloo train hour
octopus brush llama woman elevator ant doll
rat gorilla umpire eye feather nail island

a	an

3 Fill-in the blanks with the correct article, a/an/the.

e.g. We are at the aquarium.

1. She has _____ orange in her lunchbox.
2. There is _____ cat sitting on the roof.
3. I saw _____ elephant at the zoo.
4. He is reading _____ book about history.
5. They are going to _____ park after school.
6. Do you want _____ apple?
7. We stayed in _____ hotel near the beach.
8. I need _____ umbrella. It's raining.
9. Look at _____ stars in the sky!
10. He bought _____ chair for his room.



4 Correct the mistakes in the following sentences.

e.g. She is reading ~~an~~ book. → a book.

1. I see a moon in the sky. _____
2. There is a umbrella by the door. _____
3. Do you need an pen to write a list? _____
4. A zoo in my city has many animals in it. _____
5. I want a egg and an piece of toast. _____

5 With a partner, using the nouns from exercise 2, quiz each other on correct articles. Take turns picking a noun, say it aloud, then the other person has to say if it goes with a or an.

e.g. Person 1: "Brush"

Person 2: "A. Unicorn"

Person 1: "An?"

Person 2: "No, it's a."