

Articles

We use **an** before words that begin with vowels – a, e, i, o, u.

an ant, **an** elephant, **an** igloo, **an** otter, **an** umbrella

An is also used before words that begin with a vowel sound.

Beena waited for **an** hour at the bus stop. (h is silent in hour)

We use **a** before words that begin with consonants.

I saw **a** penguin in the park. **A** mountain is huge.

We use **a** or **an** when we talk about one animal, place or thing.

We do not use **a** or **an** before plural nouns.

Mobeen saw ~~a~~ giraffes in the zoo.

We do not use **a** or **an** before names of things we cannot count.

There is ~~a~~ milk in the jar.

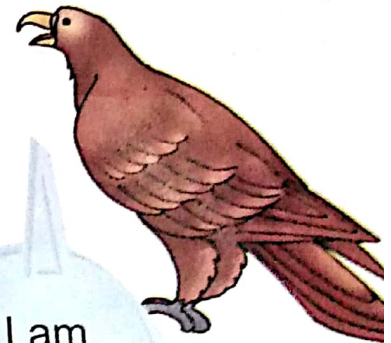
A and **an** are called articles.



Worksheet

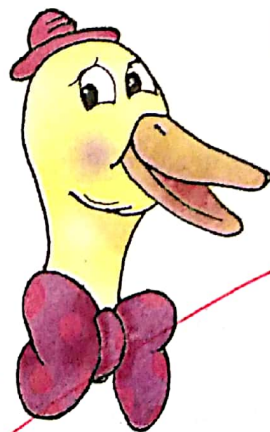
A. Fill in the blanks with **a** or **an**.

1. An apple a day keeps the diseases away.
2. I bought an umbrella last week.
3. Do you know how to use a computer?
4. Would you like an orange?
5. I took a taxi to go to Nazimabad.
6. Binish Sood is an engineer.
7. Salma saw an accident on the road.
8. Sumera works in a hospital.
9. That is Atif. He is a police officer.
10. This is Sami. He is a plumber.
11. Please boil an egg for me.
12. Mr Saqib is an English teacher.



I am
an
eagle.

I am
a
goose.



13. May I go out for an hour?
14. The guard was wearing a uniform.
15. Yesterday, I went to see a movie.
16. Alligator is a little different from a crocodile.

B. We can write a or an before some of these words. Fill in the blanks with a or an. Put a X where you cannot write a or an before the word.

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| 1. <u>X</u> bears | 6. <u>a</u> wall | 11. <u>a</u> banana |
| 2. <u>a</u> star | 7. <u>X</u> apples | 12. <u>X</u> hills |
| 3. <u>a</u> year | 8. <u>X</u> water | 13. <u>X</u> boys |
| 4. <u>X</u> books | 9. <u>a</u> glass | 14. <u>an</u> article |
| 5. <u>X</u> eggs | 10. <u>X</u> sugar | 15. <u>X</u> rain |

We use **the** before the names of famous buildings **the** Minar-e-Pakistan, **the** Faisal Masjid mountain ranges **the** K2, **the** Himaliya holy books **the** Holy Qura'n newspapers **the** Jang, **the** Daily Dawn oceans **the** Atlantic Ocean, **the** Pacific Ocean seas **the** Arabian Sea, **the** Dead Sea rivers **the** Indus, **the** Ravi trains **the** Shalimar, **the** Express

or before something of which there is only one **the** moon, **the** sky, **the** earth, **the** world



C. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

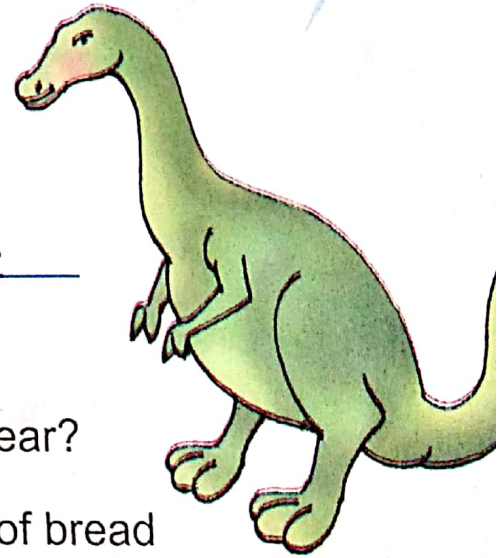
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| 1. <u>The</u> Karachi Express | 6. <u>The</u> sun | 11. <u>An</u> igloo |
| 2. <u>An</u> arrow | 7. <u>An</u> umbrella | 12. <u>The</u> Arabian Sea |
| 3. <u>A</u> rainbow | 8. <u>An</u> ox | 13. <u>A</u> boy |
| 4. <u>A</u> question | 9. <u>A</u> uniform | 14. <u>The</u> Indus |
| 5. <u>A</u> university | 10. <u>An</u> orange | 15. <u>An</u> ass |



D. Fill in the blanks with a, an or the.

1. Mount Everest is in the Himalayas.
2. The Nile is the longest river in the world.
3. What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
4. My father reads the Daily Dawn every morning.
5. The Red Fort is in Lahore.
6. I have never seen an otter.
7. Meera would like to eat an ice cream.
8. What kind of food does a racehorse eat?
9. I went to see the Old Fort with my parents.
10. The Shalimar is one of the fastest trains in Pakistan.
11. Amber is an artist.
12. Why is the river so rich?
13. I live in a house that is near the Metro Station.
14. How many seconds are there in a year?
15. Gohar had an egg, a slice of bread and an orange for breakfast.
16. The two girls went walking in the hills.
17. Gulliver was a doctor on the ship.
18. A tiger and a leopard belong to the cat family.
19. I read a story about a boy who wanted to go to the moon.

The answers to the riddles in 3, 8, and 13 are at the bottom of this page.



Answers to the riddles:

3. a stamp 8. fast food 13. It flows over – 2nd January, 2nd February, and so on