

Class-III  
English Grammar  
Ch-4 (Articles)

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\* The English alphabet has five vowels and twenty-one consonants.

Vowels - A, E, I, O, U

Consonants - B, C, D, F, G, H, J,  
K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T,  
V, W, X, Y, Z.

### Articles

Indefinite  
(A/An)

Definite  
(The)

\* A and an are articles. These are indefinite articles.

\* We use 'a' before words that begin with a consonant or consonant sound.

#### Examples

a boy, a girl, a lion, a toy

\* An is used before words that begin with a vowel or vowel sound.

#### Example

an elephant, an egg  
an hour

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In the English alphabet **a, e, i, o** and **u** are **vowels**.  
The rest of the letters of the alphabet are **consonants**.

A. Colour the boxes that contain words that begin with a vowel.

banana	umbrella	eye	orange
ant	owl	tent	cupboard
table	neck	umpire	elf
ice-cream	arm	oven	elephant

**A, an** and **the** are called **articles**. We use **a** or **an** when we mean one of something. We do not use **a** before plurals. We cannot say **a** birds or **a** trees.

We do not use **a** before things we cannot count, like milk, sugar or water.

**A** is used before a word that begins with a consonant sound.

**An** is used instead of **a** before words that begin with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u).

**EXAMPLES:** **a** city, **a** river, **a** tiger, **an** engine, **an** igloo, **an** orange

**An** is also used before words that begin with a silent **h**.

**EXAMPLE:** **an** hour, but **a** hotel (begins with a consonant sound).

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

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|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <u>an</u> ostrich | 5. <u>an</u> ear     | 9. <u>an</u> army     | 13. <u>a</u> pear   |
| 2. <u>a</u> boot     | 6. <u>an</u> iceberg | 10. <u>an</u> ox      | 14. <u>an</u> elbow |
| 3. <u>a</u> nose     | 7. <u>a</u> tadpole  | 11. <u>a</u> fox      | 15. <u>a</u> drum   |
| 4. <u>a</u> house    | 8. <u>a</u> peg      | 12. <u>an</u> officer | 16. <u>an</u> arrow |

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

- I saw an old car.
- I have a black cat.
- I climbed an oak tree.
- Vidya ate an ice-cream.
- Shilpa had an apple for breakfast.
- Arvind saw a big fire.

