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

We use **a** before nouns which begin with consonants.

EXAMPLES: **a** banana, **a** cat

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

EXAMPLES: **an** apple, **an** elephant

Use **a** before nouns which begin with consonants. Use **an** before nouns which begin with vowels.

1. a bag



2. an egg

3. a girl

4. an ant



5. a flower

6. an inkpen

7. a ship



8. an orange

9. a duck

10. an aunt



11. a pencil

12. an umbrella

13. a queen

14. an ostrich

15. a bird

16. an apple

17. a needle

18. an aeroplane

19. a garden

20. an igloo



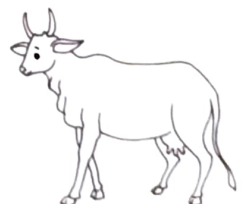
B. Write **a** or **an** to complete the sentences.

1. A zebra is a wild animal.

2. A cow is a farm animal.

3. Vijaya is carrying an umbrella.

4. Rupa is eating an ice cream.



5. Montu is wearing a red shirt.
6. Tinu is riding an elephant.
7. Kiran saw an owl in the tree.
8. Susan lives in a big house.



C. Fill in the blanks with a or an.

1. an oven

2. _____ ear

3. _____ leg

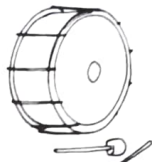
4. _____ mother

5. _____ flower

6. _____ insect

7. _____ cake

8. _____ brush



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9. a jug

10. _____ arm

11. _____ office

12. _____ cloud

13. _____ plant

14. _____ drum

15. _____ ink-pot

16. _____ tree



The is used in place of a or an when we talk about a noun a second time.

EXAMPLE: I saw a house. **The** house was big.

We also use **the** before some proper nouns. It is used before the names of

❖ oceans and seas — **the** Indian Ocean, **the** Red Sea

❖ rivers — **the** Ganga, **the** Nile

❖ famous buildings — **the** White House, **the** Red Fort

❖ things that are only one of their kind — **the** Earth, **the** Sun