

Articles (a, an, the) – Worksheet 1

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Exercise 1: a or an?

Complete each sentence with *a* or *an*.

Example: I have ___ sister. → a

1. She has _____ apple in her bag.
2. My father is _____ doctor.
3. Is that _____ umbrella?
4. I don't have _____ car.
5. He eats _____ egg every morning.
6. It's _____ old house.
7. Do you have _____ pen?
8. Sara is _____ university student.

Exercise 2: a, an or the?

Complete each sentence with *a*, *an* or *the*.

Example: I have a dog. ___ dog is brown. → The

9. I have a cat. _____ cat is black.
10. Look at _____ sun! It's very bright.
11. There is _____ bank near my house.
12. Can you close _____ door, please?
13. Ben has _____ orange and a banana.
14. I live on _____ first floor.
15. Is there _____ supermarket in this street?
16. The moon is in _____ sky.

Exercise 3: Jobs

Complete each sentence with a job from the box. There are two extra jobs.

Example: Mike teaches children. He is _____. → a teacher

WORD BOX

a nurse an artist an actor a farmer a pilot a chef an engineer a waiter a singer
an office worker

17. Tom works in a hospital. He helps the doctors. He is _____.
18. Lucy paints pictures. She is _____.
19. Omar works in films. He is _____.
20. Ken has cows and sheep. He is _____.
21. Anna flies planes. She is _____.
22. Sam cooks food in a restaurant. He is _____.
23. Ella designs machines and bridges. She is _____.
24. Leo brings food to people in a café. He is _____.

Exercise 4: Find the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

Example: He is a actor. → He is an actor.

25. She is a English teacher.

26. I have an dog.

27. Sun is very hot today.

28. Do you have a umbrella?

29. I have a bike. A bike is red.

30. He is engineer.

31. Look at a moon tonight!

32. We have a hour for lunch.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

Example: a / is / he / teacher → He is a teacher.

33. is / an / she / artist

34. a / have / I / brother / don't

35. is / there / a / park / near here / ?

36. the / is / where / station / ?

37. an / eats / he / orange / every day

38. door / close / the / please

39. you / a / have / do / sister / ?

40. is / a / not / she / doctor

Answer key – Articles (a, an, the) – Worksheet 1

Exercise 1: a or an?

1. **an**
Apple starts with a vowel sound, so we use an.
2. **a**
Doctor starts with a consonant sound, so we use a.
3. **an**
Umbrella starts with a vowel sound, so we use an.
4. **a**
Car starts with a consonant sound, so we use a.
5. **an**
Egg starts with a vowel sound, so we use an.
6. **an**
Old starts with a vowel sound, so we use an.
7. **a**
Pen starts with a consonant sound, so we use a.
8. **a**
University starts with a 'you' sound, which is a consonant sound, so we use a.

Exercise 2: a, an or the?

9. **The**
We already know which cat, so we use the.
10. **the**
There is only one sun, so we use the.
11. **a**
We mention the bank for the first time, so we use a.
12. **the**
We both know which door, so we use the.
13. **an**
First mention and orange starts with a vowel sound, so we use an.
14. **the**
We use the with first, second, third, etc.
15. **a**
In questions with 'Is there', we usually use a for one thing.
16. **the**
There is only one sky above us, so we use the.

Exercise 3: Jobs

17. **a nurse**
Nurse starts with a consonant sound, so we say a nurse.
18. **an artist**
Artist starts with a vowel sound, so we say an artist.
19. **an actor**
Actor starts with a vowel sound, so we say an actor.
20. **a farmer**
We use a or an before a job.
21. **a pilot**
We use a or an before a job.
22. **a chef**
We use a or an before a job.
23. **an engineer**
Engineer starts with a vowel sound, so we say an engineer.
24. **a waiter**
We use a or an before a job.

Exercise 4: Find the mistake

25. **She is an English teacher.**
English starts with a vowel sound, so we use an.
26. **I have a dog.**
Dog starts with a consonant sound, so we use a.
27. **The sun is very hot today.**
There is only one sun, so we need the.
28. **Do you have an umbrella?**
Umbrella starts with a vowel sound, so we use an.
29. **I have a bike. The bike is red.**
The second time we talk about the bike, we use the.
30. **He is an engineer.**
We need a or an before a job.
31. **Look at the moon tonight!**
There is only one moon, so we use the.
32. **We have an hour for lunch.**
The h in hour is silent, so it starts with a vowel sound and we use an.

Exercise 5: Put the words in order

33. She is an artist.

Subject + be + an + job.

34. I don't have a brother.

In negatives we still use a: I don't have a ...

35. Is there a park near here?

Questions with 'Is there' usually use a for one thing.

36. Where is the station?

We use the because we mean the station in this town.

37. He eats an orange every day.

Orange starts with a vowel sound, so we use an.

38. Close the door, please.

The reviewer's answer was already accepted, so the list now also includes the same word orders with or without a comma, since both 'please' positions are correct and use 'the' for a door we both know.

39. Do you have a sister?

Do + you + have + a + noun for questions.

40. She is not a doctor.

In negatives with be, we still use a before a job.

Notes for teachers: Start by saying words aloud (apple, umbrella, university, hour) so learners notice that a/an depends on the first sound, not the first letter. Common mistakes are leaving out the article with jobs (He is engineer) and repeating a instead of using the on second mention. As a follow-up, ask learners to describe their room: 'There is a bed. The bed is blue.'