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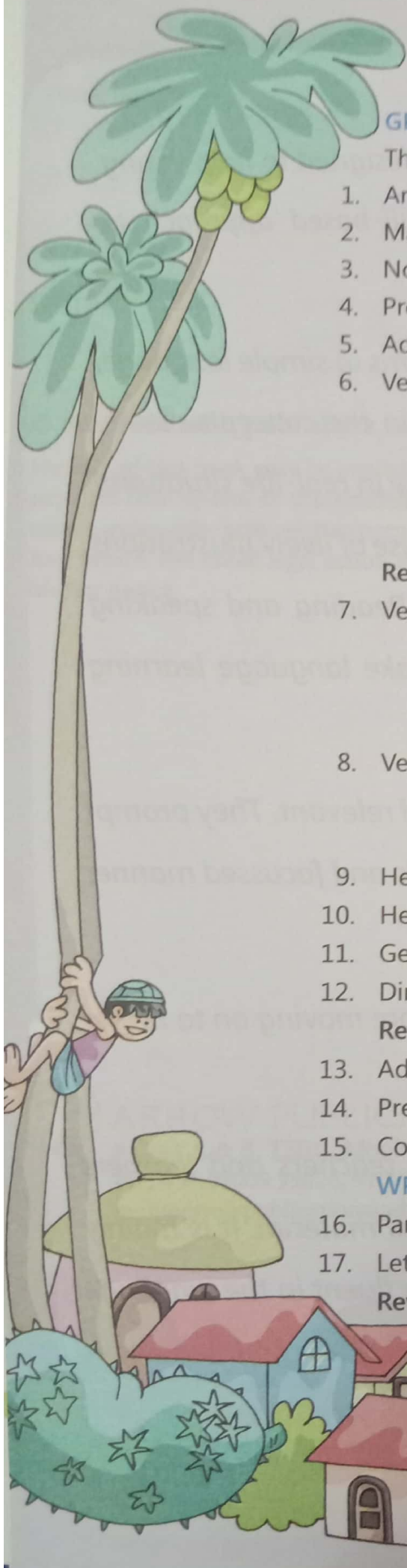
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The Parts of Speech Song

Oh, a **noun**, I'm just a **noun**
I refer to people, places and things.

Oh, a **verb**, I'm just a **verb**
I tell you about actions and states.

Oh, a **pronoun**, I'm a **pronoun**
I take the place of a noun.

Oh, an **adjective**, I'm an **adjective**
I describe the noun or pronoun.

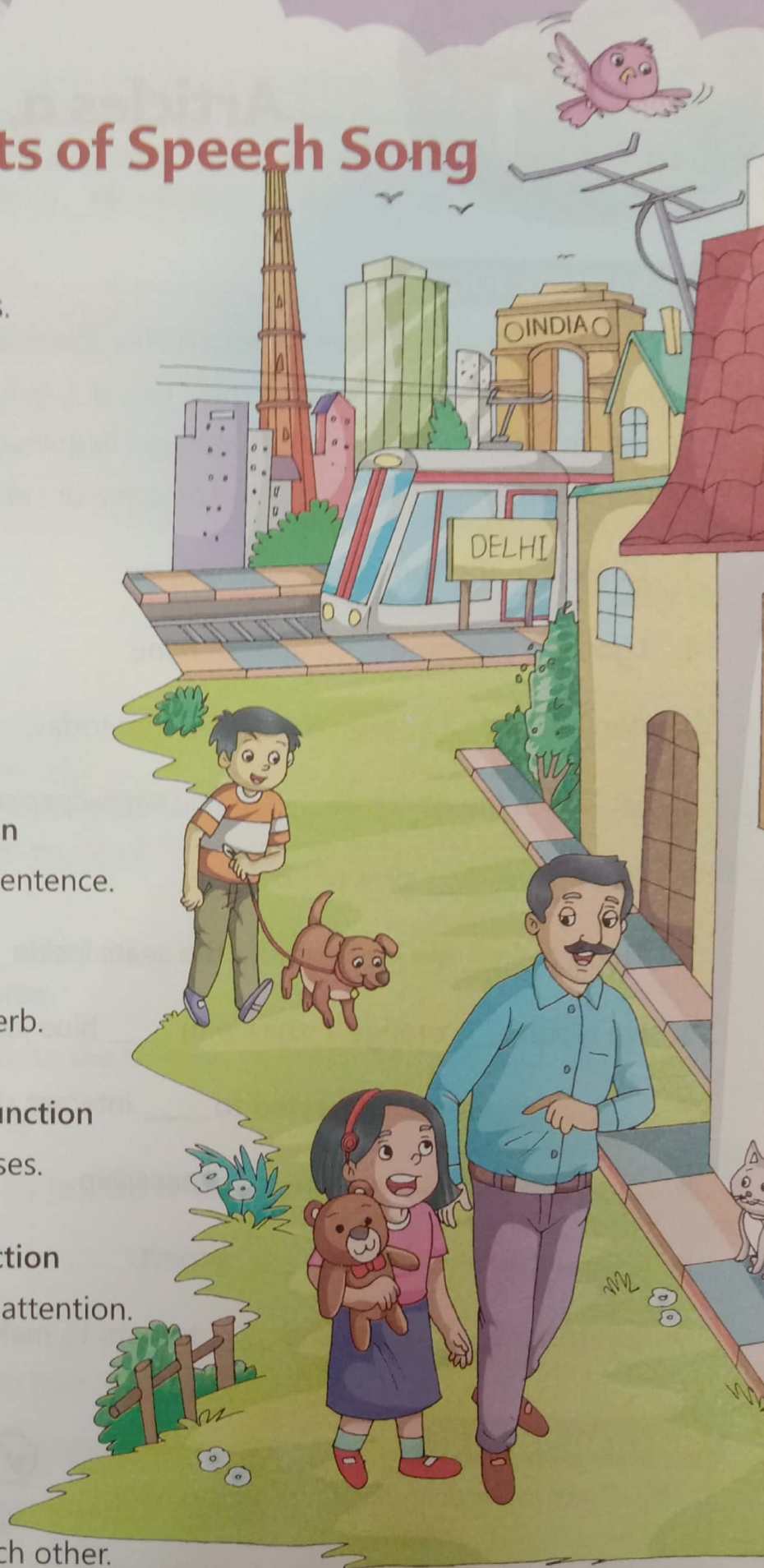
Oh a **preposition**, I'm a **preposition**
I join nouns to other parts of the sentence.

Oh, an **adverb**, I'm an **adverb**
I add to the verb, adjective or adverb.

Oh, a **conjunction**, I'm just a **conjunction**
I connect words, phrases and clauses.

Oh, an **interjection**, I'm an **interjection**
I show an emotion and draw your attention.

Oh, the parts of speech,
We are the parts of speech
We help you put it all together
To help you communicate with each other.





Lesson

1

Articles a, an, the



GRAMMAR FOCUS

The words **a**, **an** and **the** are called **articles**. We use **a** with singular nouns that begin with consonant sounds. (consonants : b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z)
We use **an** with singular nouns that begin with vowel sounds. (vowels : a, e, i, o, u)
We use **a** and **an** when we refer to someone or something for the first time.



I. Complete the sentences with **a** or **an**.

1. I got this gift from ____ aunt of mine.
2. We finished ____ exercise in grammar today.
3. Mr Das is the editor of ____ English newspaper.
4. Can I have ____ slice of pizza?
5. There is ____ life jacket under the seats inside ____ aeroplane.
6. He wore ____ orange T-shirt with ____ blue jacket.
7. ____ computer is connected to ____ internet server.
8. ____ astronaut travels on ____ spaceship.
9. ____ aeroplane lands at ____ airport.
10. I chopped ____ onion and ____ tomato to make a salad.



Grammar Tip

We do not use article '**the**' for places we visit regularly.
e.g : school, college, market, church, temple, etc.



Grammar Check!

- ☒ I go to **the** church every Sunday.
- ☒ I go to church every Sunday.



Grammar Tip

We use 'a' or 'an' before singular countable nouns. But when there is an adjective before the noun, we look at the vowel sound or consonant sound in the adjective.

Examples : **an** expensive car **an** old man **a** good boy

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

- Sharma is _____ experienced doctor.
- Yesterday was _____ warm day.
- It was _____ interesting story.
- We had _____ lovely picnic.
- I saw _____ adventure film.
- Tanu is _____ responsible girl.
- It is _____ beautiful painting.
- Virat is _____ excellent player.
- It is _____ international airport.
- I always have _____ healthy diet.



Grammar Tip

Some words begin with a consonant but sound like a vowel, so we place 'an' before them.
an hour, **an** honest man, **an** MP, **an** MLA etc.

Some words begin with a vowel but sound like a consonant so we place 'a' before them.
a European lady, **a** useful thing, **a** one-rupee coin, **a** university etc.

III. Tick (✓) the right article.

- It is (a / an) one-month course.
- The king needed (a / an) heir to the throne.
- This is (a / an) eucalyptus tree.
- The two jars are connected by (a / an) U-Tube.
- It is (a / an) NGO.
- That is (a / an) unique idea.
- The show will last for (a / an) hour and a half.
- This shop has (a / an) one plus one offer for the festival.
- They put out (a / an) SOS that the ship was on fire.
- Today the value of (a / an) Euro is almost 80 rupees.



Grammar Tip

Use 'an' before abbreviations that begin with l, m, s, h, x and n.

<i>an</i> MLA	<i>an</i> LLB
<i>an</i> SOS	<i>an</i> X-ray
<i>an</i> H.B pencil	<i>an</i> N.G.O



GRAMMAR FOCUS

We use the definite article **'the'** :

- when we refer to anything in particular
- when we refer to a thing again and again,
- before the names of rivers, seas, mountains and oceans,
- newspapers, holy books and musical instruments
- monuments and natural wonders
- superlative degree of an adjective
- when there is only one thing of a kind,
- before ordinal numbers (first, second, third etc.)
- before the names of some countries (the USA, the UK).

IV. Insert the article **'the'** where necessary.

1. Last year we visited Taj Mahal.

2. Earth moves around sun.

3. Edison invented electric bulb.

4. Chinese invented printing.

5. My father reads Hindu every morning.

6. Vasco-de-Gama discovered sea route to India.

7. Elephant is largest of all land animals.

8. Quran is holy book of Muslims.

9. Who is principal of your school?

10. Mr Tyagi is CEO of company.



Grammar Tip

We normally do not use **a** and **an** before:

- plural nouns
- uncountable nouns
- the names of meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
- the names of people
- material nouns (gold, silver)
- the names of continents, countries, states, cities and towns

We normally do not use **the** before:

- means of transport (aeroplane, train) and regular places we visit (church, school, college etc.)
- the names of games (cricket, football)
- material nouns
- plural nouns and uncountable nouns
- the names of days, months, languages and subjects
- the names of continents, most countries, states, cities and towns, planets
- the names of people
- the names of meals and diseases
- the names of mountain peaks (Everest)

V. Cross out the incorrect articles in the sentences.

1. This chair is made of the plastic.
2. We need the water to live.
3. We must show the kindness to animals.
4. We go by bus to the school.
5. Vegetarians do not eat the meat.
6. Sheela is suffering from the fever.
7. The India is a vast country.
8. My birthday is in the August.
9. The cricket is a popular game.
10. Mother and I go to the market every Sunday.



Grammar Check!

- ☒ We watched the news on the TV.
- ☒ We watched the news on TV.
- ☒ We listen to songs on radio.
- ☒ We listen to songs on the radio.

VI. a, an, the or zero article (Ø)? (zero article means no article)

1. I like _____ flowers.
2. We need _____ air to live.
3. The building is made of _____ brick.
4. The car stopped at _____ traffic lights.
5. He is _____ traveller. He is staying at _____ inn.
6. Do you have _____ breakfast every morning?
7. I listen to _____ music.
8. The house was on _____ fire.
9. My brother plays _____ guitar.
10. My mother is _____ English teacher.



SKILL FOCUS - READING

Read the passage and answer the questions.

My neighbourhood is **an** interesting place. There is a big supermarket across the street where my family does all the shopping.



There is also a bank and a post office near our house. There is a small park, where I like to go and play at weekends and holidays. And I have a lot of fun! In addition, there is a primary school close to my home. There are so many other places in my neighbourhood, and that's why I like it. It's really a great place!

1. Where does the family do all the shopping?

2. What are the places near the house?

3. Where does the child play at weekends?

4. How many places are there in the neighbourhood?

5. Write 2 words used to describe the neighbourhood?



SKILL FOCUS - WRITING

Write a few sentences about your neighbourhood.



SKILL FOCUS - SPEAKING

Practise this conversation with your partner.

Where is your house?

Is it an apartment?

Is it a busy area?



In Green Valley, near the Park Hotel.

No, it's an independent house.

Yes, it is a busy area but it's a peaceful place.

