



Lesson

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Articles (a, an, the)



Grammar Focus

The words **a**, **an** and **the** are called **articles**. They are used before nouns.



Article '**a**' is used before words that begin with **consonants**.



a cat



a table



a boy

Article '**an**' is used before words that begin with **vowels**.



an apple



an ink-pot



an elephant

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



an egg



a kitten



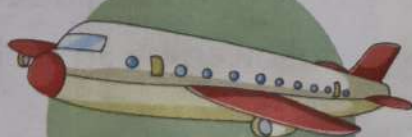
a car



an ant



a book



an aeroplane



an orange



an umbrella

II. Circle the words that begin with a vowel sound (sound of a, e, i, o, u).

elephant

cow

book

arrow

umbrella

actor

tree

office

chair

exercise

flower

ice-cream

IV. Fill in the blanks with 'a' or 'an'.

1. The man cuts wood with an axe.
2. Add an ice-cube to the juice.
3. Cricket is a game.
4. An eagle can fly very high.
5. I have a pencil and an eraser.
6. Put the card in an envelope.

V. Say ✓ or x.

1. I live in **a** apartment. [x]
2. The doctor gave me **an** injection. [✓]
3. Raman is **a** doctor. [✓]
4. She is **a** American. [x]
5. We put the pictures in **an** album. [✓]

We use **the** before names of buildings, rivers, seas or when there is only one such thing.
Examples : the earth, the Himalayas, the world, the sky, the Indian Ocean, the sun, the moon, the Ganges, the Taj Mahal etc.

I. Insert 'the' wherever necessary and rewrite the sentences.

1. Sun is a star.

The Sun is a star.

2. Moon is in sky.

The Moon is in the sky.

3. Himalayas are the highest mountains.

The Himalayas are the highest Mountain.



Grammar Tip

We use **a** and **an** when we mention something for the first time. We use **the** when we refer to it again.

Example:

I have a pen. The pen is black.

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