

A vs. An

You use "a" before words that start with a consonant sound and "an" before words that start with a vowel sound.

- A computer
- An orange

Exceptions:

1. We use "an" before a silent or unsounded "h".

- An honest person
- An hour

2. We use "a" when the U makes the sound of Y (for example YOU).

- A Unicorn
- A University

Note: there are some other minor exceptions but these are the most common.

Exercise: Complete the following sentences:

- There is ____black marker on the table.
- She's reading _____ old book.
- She is a _____ pilot.
- See you in _____ hour.
- I don't have time for _____ movie tonight.
- Rachel works at _____ hospital.