**Lesson 5: Article *a* and *an***

In English, there are two indefinite articles: ***a*** and ***an***.

* We use **a** when the next word starts with a *consonant* or *consonant sound*.
  + I have a **b**ook. (book starts with a consonant ‘b’)
  + I want to study at a **university** in Phnom Penh. (university starts with a consonant sound)
* We use **an** when the next word starts with a *vowel* (a, e, i, o, and u) or *vowel sound*.
  + She needs an **a**pple. (apple starts with a vowel ‘a’)
  + An **hour** is enough to do exercise every day. (hour starts with a vowel sound)
* **a** & **an** are used with singular countable nouns only.
  + Sreypich has a pen.
  + Not: Sreypich has ~~a two pens~~.

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Choose the correct answer of the following sentences.*

1. There is \_\_\_A\_\_\_\_ green English book on the desk.
2. a B. an
3. She's reading \_\_\_B\_\_\_\_ old comic.
4. a B. an
5. They have \_\_\_B\_\_\_\_ idea.
6. a B. an
7. He is drinking \_\_\_A\_\_\_\_ cup of coffee.
8. a B. an
9. The girl is \_\_\_A\_\_\_\_ pilot.
10. a B. an
11. Phnom Penh has \_\_\_B\_\_\_\_ airport.
12. a B. an
13. This is \_\_\_\_B\_\_\_ expensive bike.
14. a B. an
15. Look! There's \_\_\_A\_\_\_\_ bird flying.
16. a B. an
17. My father is \_\_\_A\_\_\_\_ honest person.
18. a B. an
19. My friend likes to be \_\_\_B\_\_\_\_ astronaut.
20. a B. an

**Instruction 2:** *Complete the gap with* ***a*** *or* ***an****.*

1. He met \_\_\_a\_\_\_ nice girl yesterday.
2. They went to the zoo and saw \_\_an\_\_\_\_ elephant.
3. She heard \_\_\_an\_\_\_ awful thing about that film.
4. John is \_\_\_a\_\_\_ honest boy.
5. He will go to \_\_\_a\_\_\_ university in England.
6. She met \_\_\_a\_\_\_ handsome young man at the party.
7. I read \_\_\_an\_\_\_ interesting book yesterday.
8. She is \_\_a\_\_\_\_ cute and quiet child.
9. I have to go now. My train leaves in \_\_\_a\_\_\_ hour.
10. She hopes she will have \_\_\_a\_\_\_ happy life with her boyfriend.

**Instruction 3:**

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| *Give 5 sentences by using* ***a***   1. I have a cat at home. 2. She lives in a small house. 3. Vorleak speak a lot in a room. 4. Chanthou can’t turn on a computer. 5. Rith killer is sitting on a table. |

*Give 5 sentences by using* ***an***

1. Are you eating an apple in the classroom?
2. Refin is seeing an elephant.
3. Dyna needs an umbrella.
4. You always eat an orange.
5. She hits an ant.