**A/AN, PLURALS**

*We use* ***a/an*** *with singular nouns:*

*This is a table.*

*It’s an orange.*

*We use* ***a*** *with nouns beginning with a consonant, and we use* ***an*** *with nouns beginning with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u):*

*Give me an apple.*

*There is an elephant in the zoo.*

*It’s an amazing experience.*

*We also use* ***an*** *with nouns* ***beginning with h*** *if the h is not pronounced.*

*But we use* ***a*** *if the* ***h*** *is pronounced.*

*Give me an hour. (The* ***h*** *is not pronounced in* ***~~h~~our****.)*

*I want to buy a hat. (The* ***h*** *is pronounced in* ***hat****.)*

*We use* ***a*** *and* ***NOT an*** *with nouns* ***beginning with u*** *when it is pronounced /ju:/, like university:*

*Is there a university in this city?*

*I wear a uniform.*

***another*** *(=== an + other) is one word:*

*Can I have* ***another*** *cup of coffee?*

*We use* ***a/an*** *... when we say what a* ***thing or a person is****:*

*The sun is a star.*

*A mouse is an animal.*

*We use* ***a/an*** *... for* ***jobs*** *etc.:*

*I'm a dentist*

*Would you like to be a teacher?*

**Plurals in English**

**~~a tables~~**

*We* ***do NOT*** *use* ***a/an*** *with* ***plural*** *nouns:*

*These are tables. (NOT ~~a tables~~)*

*Regular plurals*

*We add* ***-s*** *to make plural nouns in English.*

*Sometimes we need to add* ***-es, -ies or –ves****.*

*Irregular plurals*

*Some words have irregular plurals and do NOT add -s to make their plural form.*

