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/ən; strong æn/

indefinite article, determiner

used when the following word begins with a vowel sound → **a:**

an orange

an X-ray

-an

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(also **-ean**, **-ian**)

suffix

1 [in adjectives and nouns] someone or something of, from, or connected with a particular thing, place, or person:

suburban

Jamesian

2 [in nouns] someone skilled in or studying a particular subject:

a historian (= someone who studies history)

Word origin

Language: Old French

Origin: *-en*, from Latin *-anus*

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