

# a, an

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( Most important rules )

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## 1. use a, an

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Use **a, an** to describe somebody / something  
like job, character, possession (**if singular**)

# 1. use a, an

- I'm **an** engineer.
- He is **a** nice guy.
- She is **an** interesting person.
- He has got **a** loud voice.
- This is **a** return ticket.
- He's got **a** friendly face.
- My brother is **an** electrician.
- She is **a** nice person.
- It's **a** good car.
- It's good.
- That was **a** lovely evening.
- It's **an** extremely hot day.
- A pony is **a** small horse.
- Canada is **a** big country.
- She's got blue eyes.
- He's got long hair.

## 2. use a, an

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We can use **a, an** to mean one  
(**NOT** quantity)  
it is like a weak form of **one**.

- To mention one person or thing for the **first time**.
- Any one member of a class. (**In general**)
- What the things are used for.

## 2. use a, an

- Can I have **a** sandwich?
- There is **a** police car outside.
- My brother's married to **a** doctor.
- He lives in **an** old house.
- She lives in **a** big house.
- **A** doctor must like people. (Any doctor)
- Please get me **an** apple. (Any apple)
- I like to live in **an** old house. (Any old house)
- She's **a** nice person.
- I used my shoe as **a** hammer.

## 2. use a, an

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- He is **a** US citizen.
- He lives in **the** USA.
- She has **a** BA degree.
- His father is **an** MP.
- Kiran studied MBA.

(**ALSO** ...in **the** united states)

### 3. use a, an

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We can use **a, an**  
after **with, without, have, don't have, as, what a....!**  
(Only if they are **singular countable** nouns)



### 3. use a, an

- I did the translation with **a** dictionary.
- You can't get in without **a** ticket.
- She is working as **an** engineer.
- I use it as **a** cleaning cloth.
- I have **an** iPhone.
- I don't have **a** red pen.
- She doesn't have any phone.
- What **a** crazy idea!
- What **an** excellent match it was.
- **a** hundred days / **a** thousand people / **a** million dollars

## 4. use a, an

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We can use **a, an**

To talk about minor illnesses

## Minor illnesses are countable

- I have a cold
- A headache
- A toothache
- An earache
- A backache
- A stomach ache.

(British Eng.: I have cold/headache/.....)

## 1. Don't use A, An

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Don't use **a, an** before **Plural** nouns:

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- There are cats under the table. (NOT There are a cats...)
- There are some cats under the table.
- Are there any cats?
- Doctors generally work long hours.
- He's got very big ears.
- I have plenty of books.

## 2. Don't use A, An

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Don't use **a, an** before **uncountable** nouns:

time, water, money, information, electricity

## Don't use a, an before uncountable nouns:

- I need **some** money / time / info. (NOT I need **a** money / **a** time / **a** info.)
- That's an amazing **bit of** news. (NOT That's **an** amazing news.)
- We just made **a bowl of** pasta. (NOT We just made **a** pasta.)
- Could I have **a liter of** milk, please? (NOT Could I have **a** milk, please?.)
- She speaks very good English. (NOT ....**an** English)
  
- I will have rice. (NOT I will have **a** rice.)
- I hope we have nice weather. (NOT I hope we have **a** nice weather.)
- **The** rice I ate last night was not good. (Specifically pointing)
- **The** weather was bad last week. (Specifically pointing)

# a, an cannot be left out

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We **do not** normally leave out **a, an**

- In negative expressions, after prepositions
- To say what jobs people have.
- After fractions.



## a, an cannot be left out

- "Can you lend me your pen. I don't have **a** pen". (NOT ....don't have pen)
- We don't have **a** car.
- We don't have time now.
- She doesn't have **a** brother.
- She doesn't have parents.
- You shouldn't go out without **a** coat. (NOT ....without coat)
- He is **a** teacher. (NOT He is teacher.)
- She is **an** engineer. (NOT She is engineer.)
- I use it **as** a cap. (NOT ...as cap)

## a, an cannot be left out

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- They phoned **half an hour** ago.
- Walk for **one and a half** kilometers.
- The bus leaves in a **quarter of an hour**.
- My house is **three quarters of a kilometer** far away.

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