



# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

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# Aim

- I can use 'an' or 'a' correctly.

# Success Criteria

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- I can identify words beginning with a vowel or consonant.
- I can explain the rule for using 'an'.
- I can write independently using 'an' or 'a' correctly.

# Introductory Activity



# Using 'An' or 'A'



Can you write 6 consonants on your whiteboard in 10 seconds?

How do you know that they are consonants?

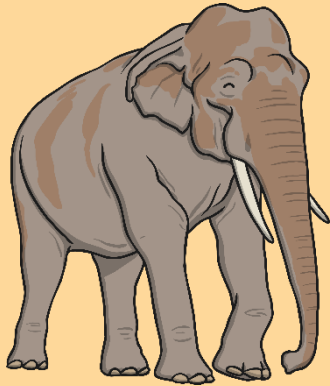
Consonants are letters (or sounds) that are not vowels (a, e, i, o, u).  
For example j, d and z are all consonants.



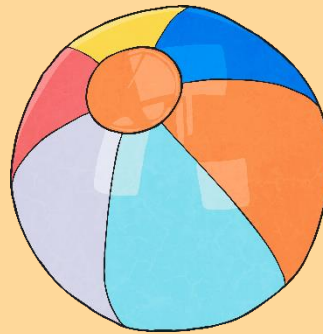
# Using 'An' or 'A'

Play the odd one out activity.

As a class use 'an' or 'a' to find the odd one out.



elephant



ball

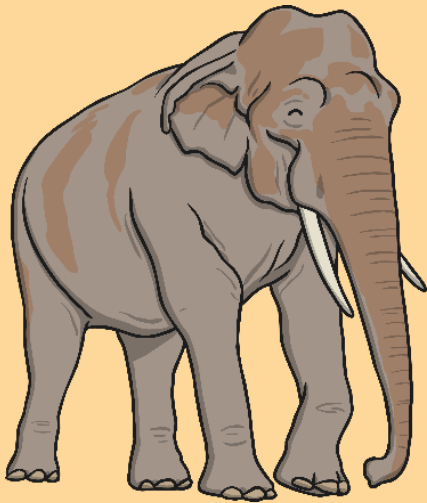


hat

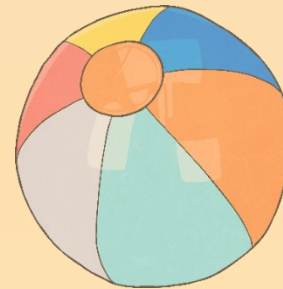


# Using 'An' or 'A'

The odd one out was...



**an** elephant



**a** ball



**a** hat



# Using 'An' or 'A'



Play the odd one out activity.

With your partner use 'an' or 'a' to find the odd one out.



**umbrella**



**unicycle**



**umpire**



# Using 'An' or 'A'

The odd one out was...



**an** umbrella



**A** unicycle is difficult to ride.

Although unicycle begins with a vowel, the **sound** is not a **vowel sound**. The 'u' makes a 'y' sound.

**a** unicycle



**an** umpire

Can you write a rule about using 'an' or 'a' on a whiteboard?

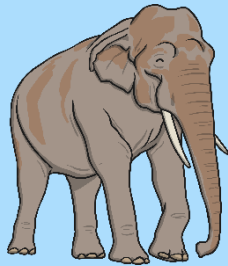
# Using 'An' or 'A'



Your rule about using 'an' or 'a' should sound like this:

Use 'an' before a word that starts with a **vowel** sound.

For example:



**an** elephant



**an** umbrella

**an** hour – 'hour' does not start with a vowel (a, e, i, o or u) but it does start with a vowel sound.



**an** hour because the 'h' is silent. Tricky!

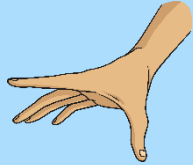
# Using 'An' or 'A'



Look at these words below and decide whether 'an' or 'a' should be used beforehand.



apple



hand



cat



hour



eagle



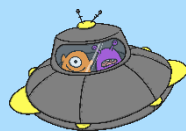
umbrella



dog



chair



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**an**

**a**

# Using 'An' or 'A'



The answers are shown below:

**an**



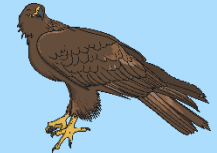
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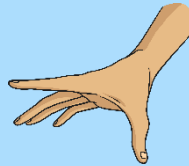


eagle

**a**



chair



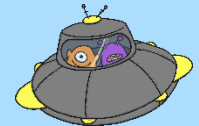
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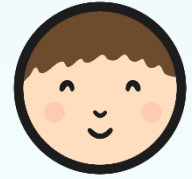


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# Independent Focused Activity



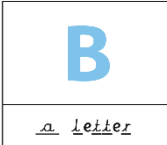
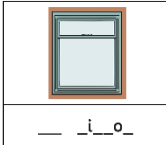
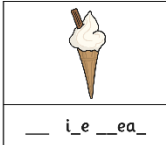

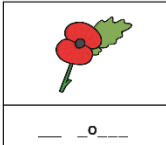
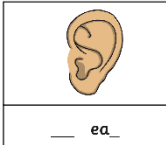
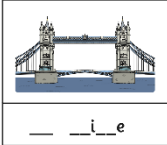
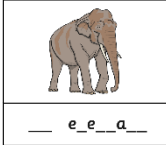

# I Can with an 'An'!



Work on your own to complete the I Can with an 'An'! Activity Sheet.

**I Can with an An!**

Look at the pictures below and decide what they show. The consonants are missing in the words (nouns). Do they need an 'a' or an 'an' in front of them? The first one has been done for you.

 a <u>l</u> e <u>t</u> t <u>e</u> r	 _ _ i _ o _	 _ _ i _ e _ e <u>a</u>
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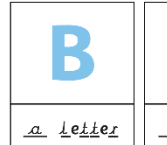
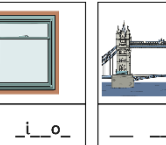
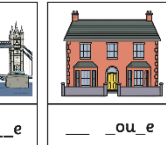
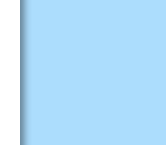

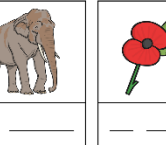
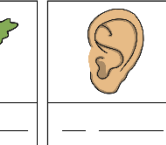

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**I Can with an An!**

The consonants are missing in the following words (nouns). Don't forget to think about whether your noun needs an 'a' or an 'an'.

Can you complete each word by using the picture? The first one has been done for you.

 a <u>l</u> e <u>t</u> t <u>e</u> r	 _ _ i _ o _	 _ _ i _ e	 _ _ o <u>u</u> _ e
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**Challenge:**  
Can you make your own word puzzle without the consonants?  
Don't forget to write a clue or draw a picture clue!


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# Review Activity





# What Will You Bring?



This is a memory game which uses 'an' and 'a' all the way through. Listen out to see if the children in your group use 'an' or 'a' correctly.

## Instructions:

### Person 1

On my holiday I will bring...

**A** pair of sunglasses.



### Person 2

On my holiday I will bring...

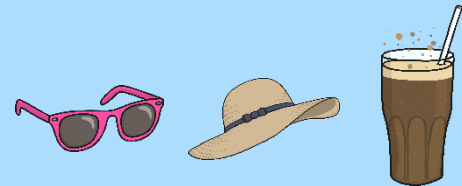
**A** pair of sunglasses and **a** hat.



### Person 3

On my holiday I will bring...

**A** pair of sunglasses, **a** hat and **an** ice cold drink. **(1 point)**

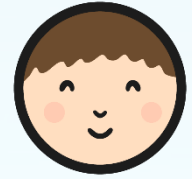


For every person that thinks of an 'an' word, they win a point. You need to remember every item that has been said before you, in the correct order. Good luck!

# Consolidation Activity



# Secure It



Work on your own to complete the Secure It Activity Sheet.

**Secure It**

Fill in the 'a' or 'an' in the sentences below.

It was \_\_\_\_\_ honour to have a visit from the Queen.

There is \_\_\_\_\_ mouse in the garden.

We saw \_\_\_\_\_ ostrich at the farm.

For my packed lunch I chose \_\_\_\_\_ apple.

She made \_\_\_\_\_ honest mistake.

His new cat was \_\_\_\_\_ gift.

She is looking for \_\_\_\_\_ answer.

The lion is a \_\_\_\_\_ large predator.

An animal with a large trunk is called \_\_\_\_\_ elephant.

She fastened \_\_\_\_\_ pearl necklace around her neck.

The new baby is \_\_\_\_\_ girl!

**Challenge:**  
Write 3 different sentences with 'a' or 'an' in them.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Challenge:**  
Write sentences with 'an' or 'a' using the following nouns. The first one has been done for you.

My little sister's favourite toy was a unicorn that was cuddly.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Extra Challenge:**  
Write a rule for using 'an' and 'a'.

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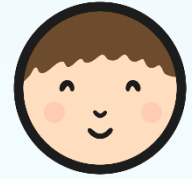
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# Assessment



# Mini Test An or A



Use all of the information you have learnt and practised about 'an' and 'a'.

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**An or A Mini Test**

1. Tick the sentence that uses 'a' correctly.

The knight was an excellent fighter.

The knight was an excellent fighter.

2. Write a sentence using 'an' correctly.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Write 'an' or 'a' in the spaces provided.

There was  enormous crash.

She was  honest person.

He thought the referee had made  unfair decision.

4. Circle all of the sentences that use 'an' correctly.

She is an unhappy customer.

He caught an cold.

She wanted an excuse to leave.

He listened to an radio.

The dog fetched an bone.

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**An or A Mini Test**

5. Write 'an' or 'a' in the box below.

The little girl chose  ice cream.

6. Write a paragraph with 'a' used 4 times and 'an' used twice.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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