

Indefinite Articles: a/an

Indefinite articles *a* and *an* are markers for singular countable nouns. They signify one of many.

Uses

- *a* goes before singular countable nouns with a consonant sound
- *an* goes before singular countable nouns with a vowel sound
- before singular countable nouns
- when talking about something for the first time

Example

It is a book.

This is a pencil.

It is an elephant.

I walk for an hour.

This is a pencil and that is a book .

I go to a shop to buy an eraser.

DO NOT use...

- with plural nouns
- with uncountable nouns
- with names

They are a pencils.

It is a bread.

A Frank is from a France.

A. Fill in the blanks with *a* or *an*. If neither is needed write X.

1. a table

9. ___ keys

17. ___ fan

2. ___ job

10. ___ computer

18. ___ truck

3. ___ pencils

11. ___ umpire

19. ___ elephant

4. ___ elevator

12. ___ door

20. ___ igloo

5. ___ aspirin

13. ___ light

21. ___ apple

6. ___ milk

14. ___ ink pot

22. ___ juice

7. ___ friend

15. ___ ugly duck

23. ___ air

8. ___ umbrella

16. ___ window

24. ___ orange

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

B. Fill in the blanks with *a* or *an*. If neither, write *X*.

1. There is an orange and a book on the table.
2. Are there X bottles of cola in the refrigerator?
3. She is in the living room eating ___ apple and drinking ___ juice.
4. My father is ___ shopkeeper and my mother is ___ bus driver.
5. That is ___ shop. It sells ___ paint.
7. ___ Kangaroos come from ___ Australia.
8. He brought ___ cake to the party. The cake was delicious.
9. Julie has been working for ___ hour.
10. He has ___ red apple in his bag.

C. Make the statements.

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| 1. table: It is a table. _____ | 8. igloo: _____ |
| 2. book: _____ | 9. table: _____ |
| 3. orange: _____ | 10. television: _____ |
| 4. computer: _____ | 11. octopus: _____ |
| 5. fork: _____ | 12. shirt: _____ |
| 6. astronaut: _____ | 13. umbrella: _____ |
| 7. window: _____ | 14. elephant: _____ |