

Articles Exercises (A, An, The)

Level: A1

Articles: a, an and the

Use a or an for one thing. Use the when we know which thing. Listen to the sound to choose a or an.

A + consonant sound: Use a before a consonant sound: a book, a cat, a house. University starts with a 'you' sound, so: a university.

An + vowel sound: Use an before a vowel sound: an apple, an egg, an orange. In hour, the h is silent, so: an hour.

A/an: one thing, first time: Use a or an for one thing, and when you talk about it for the first time: It is a dog.

The: we know which: Use the when we know which thing: It is a dog. The dog is black. Also use the when there is only one: the sun, the sky.

Jobs: Use a or an with a job: She is a doctor. He is an English teacher.

No article: Do not use a or an with plural nouns. Use no article for things in general (Dogs are good friends) and, usually, with names of people, cities and countries (Maria is from Peru). But some countries take the: the USA, the UK.

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Article

Choose the correct word for each sentence.

1. It is ___ egg.
a) a b) an
2. She is ___ university student.
a) a b) an
3. We are ___ hour late.
a) a b) an c) the
4. ___ sun is very hot today.
a) A b) An c) The
5. It is a cat. ___ cat is black and white.
a) A b) An c) The
6. ___ are good friends.
a) Dogs b) A dogs c) An dogs

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

Write the correct article. The words in brackets show your choices.

7. It is ___ orange. (a / an)
8. He is ___ English teacher. (a / an)

9. It is ___ house. (a / an)
10. It is ___ big apple. (a / an)
11. It is a box. ___ box is red. (a / an / the)
12. ___ sky is blue today. (a / an / the)

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

Click the words in the correct order to build the sentence.

13. Put the words in the correct order: **apple / it / . / an / is**

14. Put the words in the correct order: **a / nurse / she / . / is**

15. Put the words in the correct order: **hot / sun / . / very / the / is**

16. Put the words in the correct order: **friends / are / good / . / dogs**

Exercise 4: True or False

Decide if each statement is true or false.

17. 'An hour' is correct, because 'hour' starts with a vowel sound. True / False
18. 'An university' is correct English. True / False
19. 'She is doctor.' is correct English. True / False
20. 'A' and 'an' are only for one thing. True / False
21. 'The Maria is a student.' is correct English. True / False

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the Correct Article

1. b) an
2. a) a
3. b) an
4. c) The
5. c) The
6. a) Dogs

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blank

7. an
8. an
9. a
10. a
11. The
12. The

Exercise 3: Put the Words in Order

13. It is an apple.
14. She is a nurse.
15. The sun is very hot.
16. Dogs are good friends.

Exercise 4: True or False

17. True
18. False
19. False
20. True
21. False