

English Articles – A1 Beginner

Worksheet: A, An and The

Quick Reference Guide

Article	Use it when...	Examples
A	Before consonant sounds Any one of many (first mention)	a book, a car, a dog a teacher, a bus
AN	Before vowel sounds Any one of many (first mention)	an apple, an egg, an orange an umbrella, an engineer
THE	Specific thing — you both know which one Only one exists	the sun, the moon the door (in this room)

Exercise 1: True or False?

Read each sentence. Write **True** or **False**.

1. We use "an" before words that start with a vowel sound, like an egg or an orange. _____
2. We use "the" when we talk about something for the very first time and we don't know which one.

3. "I see a dog" — This is correct. We use "a" because it is any dog, not a specific one. _____
4. "Please open the window" — We use "the" because both people know which window we mean.

5. "She is a engineer" — This sentence is correct. _____
6. We use "a" before words like book, car, and pen. _____
7. There is only one sun, so we say "the sun". _____
8. "I want a umbrella" — This sentence is correct. _____

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice

Choose the correct article: a / an / the.

1. I eat ___ egg every morning.
(a / an / the)
2. Please close ___ door. It is cold!
(a / an / the)
3. She has ___ dog. ___ dog is very big.
(a...the / the...a / an...the)
4. Tom is ___ teacher.
(a / an / the)
5. Look at ___ moon tonight! It is beautiful.
(a / an / the)
6. I live in ___ old house.
(a / an / the)
7. Can I have ___ apple, please?
(a / an / the)

8. We watched ____ film last night. ____ film was very funny.

(a...the / an...the / the...a)

Exercise 3: Matching

Match each sentence (1–8) to the correct rule (A–E). Write the letter.

1. I saw an elephant at the zoo. ____
2. Pass me the salt, please. ____
3. She has a brother. ____
4. I want an ice cream. ____
5. The sky is blue today. ____
6. He drives a bus. ____
7. They live near the river. ____
8. I need a new umbrella. ____

Rules:

- A – A, before a consonant sound
- B – AN, before a vowel sound
- C – THE, both people know which one
- D – THE, only one exists (unique)
- E – THE, specific / known place

Exercise 4: Gap Fill

Fill each gap with a, an or the.

1. I have ____ dog. He is brown.
2. She is ____ artist. She paints every day.
3. Look at ____ stars! They are beautiful.
4. Can you open ____ window? It is hot.
5. I ate ____ orange for breakfast.
6. He works in ____ bank.
7. We live near ____ beach.
8. She bought ____ new car yesterday.

Exercise 5: Word Order

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. have / I / cat / a

2. artist / She / is / an

3. big / The / is / dog

4. apple / eats / He / an

5. moon / We / the / see

6. small / a / It / house / is

Exercise 6: Word Sort

Write each phrase in the correct column.

book | egg | sun | car | orange | moon | pen | umbrella | door

A	AN	THE

Exercise 7: Complete the Conversation

Fill each gap with a, an or the.

Anna: Hi! I have ___ new job!

Ben: Really? That is great! Is it ___ interesting job?

Anna: Yes! I work in ___ big office in the city.

Ben: Do you like ___ office?

Anna: I love it! There is ___ amazing view from the window.

Ben: Wow! I want ___ job like that too!

Exercise 8: Mixed Practice

Answer each question.

1. My mother is ___ nurse. (a / an / the)
2. "I have an cat" — Is this correct? (True / False)
3. Where is ___ bathroom, please? (a / an / the)
4. "She ate an egg for breakfast." — Is this correct? (True / False)
5. I want to be ___ astronaut. (a / an / the)
6. "The Earth goes around a sun." — Is this correct? (True / False)
7. I read ___ book yesterday. ___ book was great! (a...the / an...the / the...a)
8. We use "an" before "university" because it starts with U. (True / False)

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Exercise 1: True or False — Answers

1. **True** — AN comes before vowel sounds.
2. **False** — THE = specific. A/AN = first mention / any one.
3. **True** — Correct — A dog = any dog.
4. **True** — Correct — THE window = the one we can see.
5. **False** — Wrong — "engineer" starts with a vowel → AN engineer.
6. **True** — Correct — all start with consonants → A.
7. **True** — Correct — only one sun → THE sun.
8. **False** — Wrong — "umbrella" starts with a vowel → AN umbrella.

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice — Answers

1. **an** — "egg" starts with a vowel sound.
2. **the** — Both people know which door.
3. **a ... the** — First mention → A. Second mention → THE.
4. **a** — "teacher" starts with a consonant.
5. **the** — Only one moon.
6. **an** — "old" starts with a vowel sound.
7. **an** — "apple" starts with a vowel sound.
8. **a ... the** — First mention → A. Second mention → THE.

Exercise 3: Matching — Answers

1. B
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. D
6. A
7. E
8. A

Exercise 4: Gap Fill — Answers

1. I have **a** dog. He is brown.
2. She is **an** artist. She paints every day.
3. Look at **the** stars! They are beautiful.
4. Can you open **the** window? It is hot.
5. I ate **an** orange for breakfast.
6. He works in **a** bank.
7. We live near **the** beach.
8. She bought **a** new car yesterday.

Exercise 5: Word Order — Answers

1. I have a cat.
2. She is an artist.
3. The dog is big.
4. He eats an apple.
5. We see the moon.
6. It is a small house.

Exercise 6: Word Sort — Answers

A: a book, a car, a pen

AN: an egg, an orange, an umbrella

THE: the sun, the moon, the door

Exercise 7: Conversation — Answers

1. **Anna:** Hi! I have [a] new job!
2. **Ben:** Really? That is great! Is it [an] interesting job?
3. **Anna:** Yes! I work in [a] big office in the city.
4. **Ben:** Do you like [the] office?
5. **Anna:** I love it! There is [an] amazing view from the window.
6. **Ben:** Wow! I want [a] job like that too!

Exercise 8: Mixed Practice — Answers

1. **a** — "nurse" starts with a consonant → A.
2. **False** — "cat" starts with a consonant → A cat.
3. **the** — Specific bathroom (we know which one) → THE.
4. **True** — "egg" starts with a vowel → AN egg. Correct.
5. **an** — "astronaut" starts with a vowel sound → AN.
6. **False** — Only one sun → THE sun.
7. **a...the** — First mention → A book. Second mention → THE book.
8. **False** — "university" starts with a /j/ sound → A university.