

Articles

Level: Beginner

Test: 1

Explanations

1. We use “an” before words that start with a vowel sound, like “hour.” The word “hour” starts with a vowel sound, so “an hour” is correct here.
2. We use “a” before words that start with a consonant sound, like “dog.” “Orange” and “umbrella” start with a vowel sound, so we use “an” with them, not “a.”
3. We use “an” before words that start with a vowel sound, like “old.” “An” helps the sentence sound smooth and natural, so we say “an old yellow house.”
4. We use “a” before words that start with a consonant sound, like “cat.” We cannot use “an” or leave out the article. “A cat” is the correct phrase.
5. We use “a” before a singular countable noun when we talk about one thing, but not a specific one. “Dog” is not specific here, so “a dog” is correct.
6. We use “a” before words that start with a consonant sound, like “book.” “An” is only for words with a vowel sound at the start. That’s why “a book” is correct.
7. We use “the” because we are talking about one car we both know about. “The” helps show it is a special, specific car, not just any car.
8. We use “a” with words that start with a consonant sound, like “bird.” We use “a” when talking about something for the first time, not something specific or already known.
9. We use “a” before words that start with a consonant sound, like “cat.” We do not use “the” because “cat” is not specific. We do not say “an cat.”
10. We use “an” before words that start with a vowel sound, like “orange.” This helps the sentence sound smooth and easy to say. That’s why “an

orange" is correct here.

11. We use "a" before words that start with a consonant sound. "Big" starts with the sound /b/, so we say "a big city" to talk about one big city, not a specific one.

12. We use "a" before words that start with a consonant sound like "barbecue." "A" means one, but not a special one. It's new information for the listener.

13. We use "an" before words that start with a vowel sound, like "elephant." This helps make the sentence sound smooth and natural in English.

14. We use "an" before words that start with a vowel sound, like "apple." This helps the sentence sound smooth and correct in English. So, "an apple" is the right choice.

15. We use "the" for something we both know. "The book on the table" is a specific book you can see, so "the" is the right article to use here.

16. We use "a" before words that start with a consonant sound. "Bird" begins with "b," a consonant sound, so "a bird" is correct and sounds natural in English.

17. We use "a" before a singular countable noun like "dog." It tells us she has one dog. "A" helps show it is just one thing, not more than one.

18. We use "a" before jobs like "doctor" that start with a consonant sound. "A" means one, but not any specific one. We do not use "the" for talking in general.

19. We use "the" when we are speaking about only one specific person, like "the president." There is only one president in a country, so "the" is correct here.

20. "An" is used before words that start with a vowel sound (a, e, i, o, u). "Cat" starts with a consonant sound, so we use "a cat" instead of "an cat."