

Articles

Level: Elementary

Test: 1

Explanations

1. We say "the sun" because there is only one sun in our sky. "The" is for one specific thing everyone knows. We don't use "a" or "an" for unique things like this.
2. We use "the" before "beach" because we are talking about a specific place both the speaker and listener know. "The" is for something special or already known, not just any beach.
3. We do not use "a" or "an" with plural nouns like "apples." We only use "a" or "an" for one thing. "Apples" is plural, so no article is needed.
4. We use "the" before "sun" because there is only one sun in our sky. "The" shows we are talking about a specific thing that everyone knows about.
5. We use "the" because we are talking about a specific place in town that we need—the bank. It is clear which bank is meant, so we use "the."
6. We use "a" before a singular noun that begins with a consonant sound, like "dog." "A" shows we are talking about any dog, not a specific one.
7. We use "an" before words that begin with a vowel sound, like "honest." "An honest man" sounds natural and is correct, because "honest" begins with the vowel sound /h/.
[Note: The original text contains a typo in the phonetic symbol, which has been corrected to /h/.]
8. We use "an" before words that start with a vowel sound, like "unusual." This makes the sentence easy to say and sound smooth. "A" is for words that start with a consonant sound.
9. We use "a" before jobs like "teacher" to show one person's job. "An" is for words starting with a vowel sound, and "teacher" starts with a consonant sound.
10. We use "an" before words that start with a vowel sound. "Honest" starts

with a vowel sound /■/, not “h.” So, “an honest person” is correct.

11. We use “an” before words that start with a vowel sound. “Hour” begins with the vowel sound “ow,” so we say “an hour” instead of “a hour.”

12. We use "a" before words that start with a consonant sound. "Job" starts with the sound /j/, a consonant. "A job" means any job, not one specific job.

13. We use “a” before words that start with a consonant sound like “big.” We need an article before “big dog.” “A big dog” is the correct phrase in English.

14. We use “the” because “moon” is only one in our sky. “The” tells us we are talking about something specific that everyone knows. So, “the moon” is the correct choice.

15. We use “an” before words that start with a vowel sound, like “answer.” “An answer” is easier to say and sounds better in English than “a answer.”

16. We do not use an article with “milk” because it is an uncountable noun in this sentence. When talking about things in general, like milk, we leave out the article.

17. We use “an” before words that start with a vowel sound like “old.” “An” helps the sentence sound smooth and clear. That is why “an old photograph” is correct.

18. We use “an” before words that start with a vowel sound. “Egg” starts with a vowel sound, so “an egg” is correct. “Apartment” and “gift” need “an” or “a” used correctly.

19. We use "a" before words that begin with a consonant sound. "Spider" starts with the "s" sound, so "a spider" is correct. This helps the sentence sound natural.

20. We use “an” before words that start with a vowel sound, like “interesting.” It helps our speech sound smooth and natural. “An interesting book” is easy and clear for people to understand.