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A or an · Worksheet 1

Write a or an. Think about the first sound of the next word.

REMEMBER

- Consonant sound → a: a dog, a pen, a teacher, a book
- Vowel sound → an: an apple, an egg, an engineer, an office, an email
- The h is silent, so the word starts with a vowel sound → an: an hour, an honest man
- You can hear the h, so it is a consonant sound → a: a house, a hospital, a horse, a happy child
- “U” or “eu” that sounds like “you” is a consonant sound → a: a university, a uniform, a useful book, a European country

1. She has _____ dog and two cats.
2. I eat _____ apple every morning.
3. The lesson lasts _____ hour.
4. They live in _____ house near the river.
5. She is studying at _____ university in Canada.
6. Take _____ umbrella. It is raining.
7. I bought _____ one-way ticket to Rome.
8. She has _____ MBA from a good university.
9. I bought _____ USB cable for my phone.
10. He drives _____ old car.
11. I need _____ pen to sign this form.
12. She had _____ egg for breakfast.
13. He is _____ honest man.
14. She works in _____ hospital.
15. Every student wears _____ uniform.
16. My mother has _____ uncle in Brazil.
17. We have _____ one-hour lesson every Monday.
18. I need _____ X-ray of my arm.
19. They have _____ TV in every room.
20. She bought _____ expensive phone.

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A or an · Worksheet 1 · Answer key

Each answer includes the rule behind it.

1. She has a dog and two cats.
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2. I eat an apple every morning.
Vowel sound → an: an apple, an egg, an engineer, an office, an email

3. The lesson lasts an hour.
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4. They live in a house near the river.
You can hear the h, so it is a consonant sound → a: a house, a hospital, a horse, a happy child

5. She is studying at a university in Canada.
“U” or “eu” that sounds like “you” is a consonant sound → a: a university, a uniform, a useful book, a European country

6. Take an umbrella. It is raining.
“U” that sounds like “uh” is a vowel sound → an: an umbrella, an uncle, an unusual name, an ugly building

7. I bought a one-way ticket to Rome.
“One” starts with a “w” sound → a: a one-way ticket, a one-hour lesson, a one-year-old child

8. She has an MBA from a good university.
The letters A, E, I, O and F, L, M, N, R, S, X start with a vowel sound when you say their names → an: an MBA, an FBI agent, an SOS, an X-ray

9. I bought a USB cable for my phone.
The letters B, D, T, U and V start with a consonant sound when you say their names → a: a TV, a USB cable, a UFO

10. He drives an old car.
Look at the word right after the gap, not at the noun: an old car, an easy test, a big apple, a red umbrella

11. I need a pen to sign this form.
Consonant sound → a: a dog, a pen, a teacher, a book

12. She had an egg for breakfast.
Vowel sound → an: an apple, an egg, an engineer, an office, an email

13. He is an honest man.
The h is silent, so the word starts with a vowel sound → an: an hour, an honest man

14. She works in a hospital.
You can hear the h, so it is a consonant sound → a: a house, a hospital, a horse, a happy child

15. Every student wears a uniform.
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16. My mother has an uncle in Brazil.
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