



Anna's Picnic Basket

Discuss

- What is an article in English?
- Do you know when to use "a" or "an"?
- Can you say a word with "a" in front of it?
- Can you say a word with "an" in front of it?

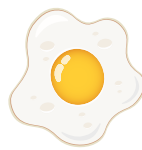


Vocabulary

Match the words with the images below.

Apple Elephant Banana Umbrella Car
Egg Picnic blanket Napki Airplane



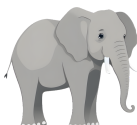
















Comprehension

PICNIC



Anna's Picnic Basket

Anna is going to the park. She wants to have a picnic. She packs a **basket** with food. First, she puts in **an apple**. Then, she adds **a banana**. She packs **an egg**, **a cookie**, and **a sandwich**.

Anna sees **a cloud** in the sky. "It might rain," she says. She takes **an umbrella**. She also takes **a book**, **a toy**, and **an orange**. She brings **a bottle** of juice and **a napkin**.

Anna wants to be ready. She adds **a fork**, **a spoon**, and **a cup**. She also puts in **a small towel** and **a box** of tissues. She checks again: "Do I have everything? Yes! I have **a picnic blanket**, too!"

Anna walks to the park. She sees **a bird** in **a tree**. She sees **a squirrel** running across **a path**. She smiles. She puts down **a blanket** on the grass. The grass is soft. She sits under **an old tree**.

She sees **an ant** crawling on **a leaf**. She sees **a bee** near **a flower**. She also sees **an owl** in **a tree** and **a duck** in **a pond**. She hears **a frog** say, "Ribbit!"

Anna eats her food. She eats **an apple** and **a sandwich**. She drinks from **a bottle**. She wipes her mouth with **a napkin**. She reads **a book** and plays with **a toy**.

Then she draws in **a notebook** with **a pencil**. She draws **an apple**, **a duck**, and **an umbrella**. She laughs and says, "I love to draw!"

Suddenly, she hears **an airplane** flying in the sky! She points and says, "Look! **An airplane!**"

Anna smiles. It is **a happy day**. She loves **a nice picnic** with **a basket**, **a blanket**, and **an umbrella**. She says, "I want to come back again!"

Questions



1. What food did Anna pack in her basket?

2. Why did Anna take an umbrella?

3. Where did Anna sit in the park?

4. What animals or bugs did Anna see?

5. What did Anna say when she saw the airplane?

Draw two things Anna packed for her picnic!



Articles "a" and "an"

We use:

- "a" before words that begin with a **consonant sound**.
- "an" before words that begin with a **vowel sound**: a, e, i, o, u.

Example:

- a ball
- an apple
- a toy
- an egg
- a kite
- an igloo

Watch out!

We use the sound, not just the letter!

- a unicorn ✓ (sounds like "you-nicorn")
- an hour ✓ (sounds like "our")

Practice Speaking!

Say the word and decide: "a" or "an"?

Pencil



Orange



Umbrella



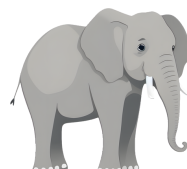
Car



Owl



Elephant



Yak



Practice I

Write an article "a" or "an" before each word.

1. _____ cat (a / an)
2. _____ egg (a / an)
3. _____ apple (a / an)
4. _____ bag (a / an)
5. _____ orange (a / an)
6. _____ dog (a / an)
7. _____ ice cream (a / an)
8. _____ hat (a / an)
9. _____ elephant (a / an)
10. _____ yoga mat (a / an)



Fill in the blanks with "a" or "an":

1. I see ____ ant.
2. She has ____ umbrella.
3. He found ____ book.
4. Let's eat ____ orange.
5. That is ____ owl.
6. I need ____ eraser.



Practice II

Look at the pictures and write: **a** or **an**

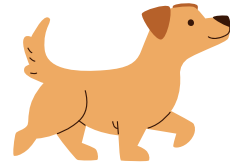
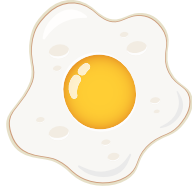
Example:

_____ egg

_____ giraffe

_____ orange

_____ dog



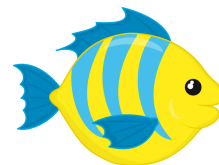
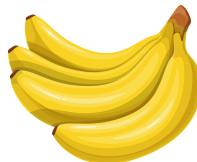
Now, write your own sentences:

1. I have _____.

2. She wants _____.

3. We see _____.

Game: Circle the "an" words only!



Grammar II

Look back at the story on Page 2.

Write the words from the story that used "a" or "an".

Examples:

- an apple
- a toy
- a duck
- an airplane

- _____
- _____
- _____



Write your own new sentences:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Draw a Picnic Scene

