

An or A



Using 'An' or 'A'



Can you write 6 consonants on your whiteboard in 10 seconds?

How do you know that they are consonants?

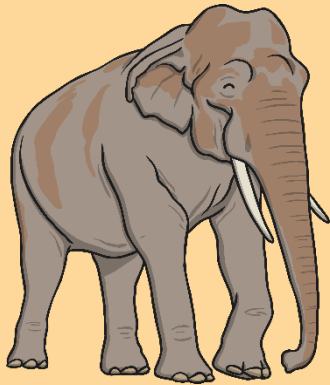
Consonants are letters (or sounds) that are not vowels (a, e, i, o, u).
For example j, d and z are all consonants.



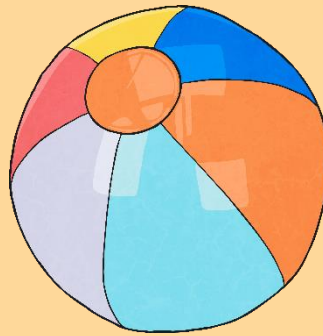
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Play the odd one out activity.

As a class use 'an' or 'a' to find the odd one out.



elephant



ball

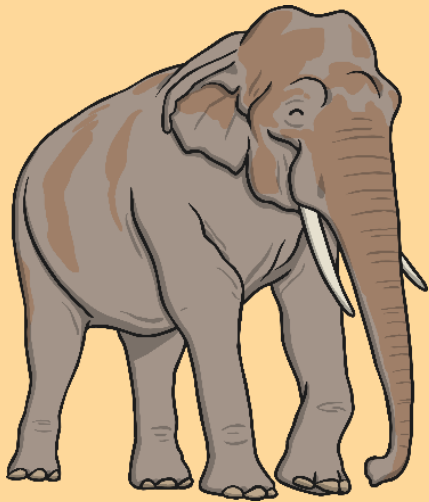


hat

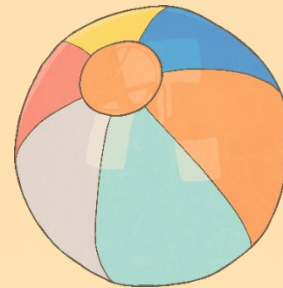
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The odd one out was...



an elephant



a ball



a hat

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Play the odd one out activity.

With your partner use 'an' or 'a' to find the odd one out.



umbrella



unicycle



umpire



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The odd one out was...



an umbrella



A unicycle is difficult to ride.

Although unicycle begins with a vowel, the **sound** is not a **vowel sound**. The 'u' makes a 'y' sound.

a unicycle



an umpire

Can you write a rule about using 'an' or 'a' on a whiteboard?

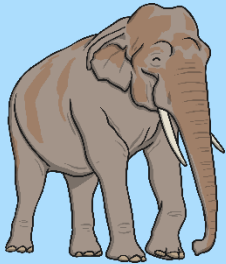
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Your rule about using 'an' or 'a' should sound like this:

Use 'an' before a word that starts with a **vowel** sound.

For example:



an elephant



an umbrella

an hour – 'hour' does not start with a vowel (a, e, i, o or u) but it does start with a vowel sound.



an hour because the 'h' is silent. Tricky!

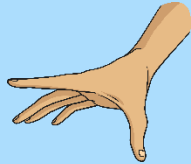
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Look at these words below and decide whether 'an' or 'a' should be used beforehand.



apple



hand



cat



hour



eagle



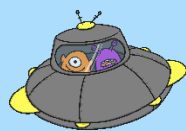
umbrella



dog



chair



UFO

an

a

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The answers are shown below:

an



umbrella



apple



hour

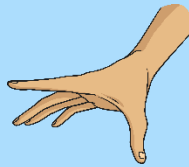


eagle

a



chair



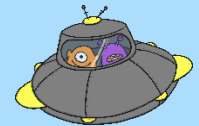
hand



dog



cat



UFO

Your Task

Complete one of the Secure It Activity Sheets (Day 7) in your PaG resource pack.



Secure It

Fill in the 'a' or 'an' in the sentences below.

It was _____ honour to have a visit from the Queen.
There is _____ mouse in the garden.
We saw _____ ostrich at the farm.
For my packed lunch I chose _____ apple.
She made _____ honest mistake.
His new cat was _____ gift.
She is looking for _____ answer.
The lion is a _____ large predator.
An animal with a large trunk is called _____ elephant.
She fastened _____ pearl necklace around her neck.
The new baby is _____ girl!

Challenge:
Write 3 different sentences with 'a' or 'an' in them.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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Challenge:
Write sentences with 'an' or 'a' using the following nouns. The first one has been done for you.

My little sister's favourite toy was a unicorn that was cuddly.

Extra Challenge:
Write a rule for using 'an' and 'a'.


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