# Articles a / an

## Learn!

a teacher a hotel a university an engineer a cat a horse a young man an honest person

#### Work it out!

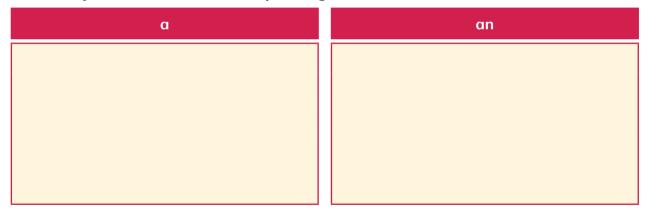
#### **1** Underline the correct answer.

- a. Use articles a and an to refer to singular / plural nouns.
- b. A / An comes before a vowel or a vowel sound.
- c. A / An comes before a word beginning with a silent "h."
- d. Use *a* / *an* before a word with a / ju / sound.
- e. Use *a* / *an* before a consonant sound.

#### Use!

animal exit hero historic event hobby hour orchestra robot uncle yellow flower

#### 1 Classify the words in the corresponding box.



#### 2 Complete with *a* or *an*.

- a. I have \_\_\_\_\_ hundred dollars!
- b. She's \_\_\_\_\_ great singer.
- c. He wants \_\_\_\_\_ MP3 player.
- d. There is \_\_\_\_\_ hen in the garden!
- e. Poor Rita, she has \_\_\_\_\_ headache.

- f. Is this \_\_\_\_\_\_ electric shaver?
- g. It was \_\_\_\_\_ awful experience!
- h. Mark lives near \_\_\_\_\_ university.
- i. We've been here for \_\_\_\_\_ hour!
- j. He bought \_\_\_\_\_ car.

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- a. Samuel is **an** engineer.
- b. I've bought a new cell phone.
- c. Tim works in **a** factory.
- d. The history teacher is really good.
- e. The cats in the neighborhood were making a lot of noise last night.
- f. The coffee on the top of the shelf is decaffeinated.
- g. The old, the sick and the unemployed need our special care.
- h. How many astronauts have landed on the moon?
- i. Dogs are not allowed in this shop.
- j. Milk is good for you
- k. Eugene comes from France.

## Work it out!

## **1** Write the letter of the sentence(s) that match their explanations below.

- a. We use the articles *a* / *an* with singular nouns:
  - when the listener does not know which person or thing we are talking about: \_\_\_\_\_
  - to describe the job of a person: \_\_\_\_\_
  - when you mention something for the first time: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. We use the with singular, uncountable and plural nouns
  - when it is clear which thing or person we are talking about: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - when there is only one of something: \_\_\_\_\_
  - for nationalities and other groups: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. We use Zero article (no article) with plural and uncountable nouns:
  - when we are talking generally: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - with most countries, states and cities: \_\_\_\_\_



## **1** Underline the correct word in each sentence. If no article is necesary, circle X.

- a. Where's an / the entrance key? I can't find it.
- b. What happened at *an / the* end of *a / the* movie?
- c. Sam has an / the appointment at the doctor's.
- d. An / The old person sometimes feels lonely.
- e. I'm thinking of buying *a* / *the* new pair of shoes.
- f. I'm not sure if he is in *the / X* England or Scotland.
- g. I loved the / X chocolates you gave me.
- h. Eating too much X / the sugar is not healthy.