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'A', 'An' , 'The'

A Rabbit Out There...



Read these sentences.

Bina: Papa, there is a rabbit in the garden.

Papa: Go and give it a carrot to eat.

Bina: Can I give it an orange too?

Papa: It will enjoy eating a vegetable more than a fruit.

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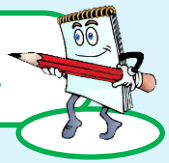



We use **a** or **an** before a person, animal or thing.

- **a** rabbit in the garden
- **a** carrot for snack
- **an** orange to eat

We use **the** before a specific noun or a noun already mentioned before.

- **The** rabbit hopped in the garden.
- **The** carrot was crunchy.
- **The** orange was juicy.

The Zoo

Read these sentences.

Vani: There is an elephant in the new zoo.

Vicky: I'll take a banana and an apple to feed the elephant.

Vani: You cannot feed animals in a zoo.



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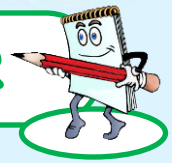

- We use a before a word that begins with a consonant or consonant sound.

  Example : She was hungry, so she ate a banana.

- We use an before a word that begins with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u) or a vowel sound.

  Example : I eat an apple every day.

- We use the before a particular word or before a word that has already been mentioned before.

  Example : I bought a book. The book is kept on the shelf.

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Test Yourself

Choose ‘a’, ‘an’ or ‘the’ correctly.

1. (A/An) girl is holding a/an umbrella. (The/An) umbrella has flowers drawn on it.
2. (A/An) pilot flies (a/an) airplane.
3. (A /An) driver drives (a/an) bus.
4. (A/An) boy is wearing (a/an) raincoat. (The/A) raincoat is blue in colour.





