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ARTICLES

Using A and An

Articles are a part of speech. They are three small words we use everyday. **A**, **an** and **the** might be tiny, but they do a big job. Articles are also adjectives and point to a noun. If you see an article, you know a noun is sure to follow.

The can be used with singular nouns or plural nouns. Look at these examples:

The *boy* rode his bike.

The *boys* rode their bikes.

A and **an** are only used with singular nouns. A good rule to remember is that **A** is used before words that begin with a consonant. **An** is used before words that begin with vowels - a, e, i, o, or u.

A *boy* rode his bike.

An *apple* is good to eat.

Look at the nouns below. If the noun needs **a** in front of it, write **A**. If it needs **an** in front of it, write **An**.

1. _____ bike

9. _____ letter

2. _____ city

10. _____ eagle

3. _____ elephant

11. _____ apple

4. _____ octopus

12. _____ igloo

5. _____ ice cream

13. _____ cat

6. _____ toy

14. _____ egg

7. _____ soap

15. _____ truck

8. _____ box

16. _____ umbrella

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1. A
2. A
3. An
4. An
5. An
6. A
7. A
8. A
9. A
10. An
11. An
12. An
13. A
14. An
15. A
16. An