

A, an und the

the	entspricht dem bestimmten Artikel der, die, das
a, an	entspricht dem unbestimmten Artikel ein, eine. Im Plural gibt es (wie im Deutschen) keinen unbestimmten Artikel.
a	benutzt man, wenn ein Wort (ausgesprochen) mit einem Konsonanten beginnt: a cat , a bird , a house
an	benutzt man, wenn ein Wort (ausgesprochen) mit einem Vokal beginnt: an alphabet , an elefant , an old man
<p>Vorsicht: Es kommt darauf an, wie das Wort ausgesprochen wird – nicht, wie man es schreibt! Viele Wörter mit –u am Anfang beginnen z.B. in der Aussprache mit ju¹:</p> <p>a uniform -> das Wort uniform (Uniform) wird „juniform“ ausgesprochen</p> <p>Umgekehrt kann ein h am Wortanfang stumm sein: Hier braucht man dann das <i>an</i>².</p> <p>an hour -> das Wort hour (Stunde) wird „our“ ausgesprochen</p> <p>Auch bei Abkürzungen kommt es darauf an, wie sie ausgesprochen werden:</p> <p>an FBI agent (sprich „ef bi ai“)</p>	

EXERCISE 1 Bei jedem Buchstaben (a-g) musst du einmal *a* und einmal *the* einsetzen.

- a1. Berlin is _____ capital (*Hauptstadt*) of Germany.
a2. Berlin is _____ city in Germany.
- b1. I have family all over the world. I've got two aunts in Canada and _____ cousin in Germany.
b2. My cousin has two kids, a boy and a girl. _____ girl is eleven years old.
- c1. Look at _____ sun!
c2. The sun is _____ star (*Stern*).
- d1. *The Lord of the Rings* is _____ great film.
d2. _____ story of *The Lord of the Rings* is really interesting.
- e1. We have got _____ new car.
e2. Let's take a picture of _____ new car!
- f1. My sister has _____ cat.
f2. _____ cat is black and white.
- g1. I have got _____ new address.
g2. _____ address is Grover Street 15.
- h1. _____ Eiffel Tower is in Paris.
h2. Paris is _____ fascinating city.
- j1. _____ film that I'm watching is really good.
j2. There is _____ good film on TV at the moment.

¹ andere Beispiele: unit, uniform, university, useful ...

² wichtige Wörter mit stummem h sind: hour, honour, honest und heir.

EXERCISE 2 Fill in: a or an?

a) ___ hotel	b) ___ dog	c) ___ uncle	d) ___ iced tea
e) ___ new door	f) ___ university	g) ___ empty glass	h) ___ DVD
i) ___ FBI agent	j) ___ card	k) ___ bag	l) ___ interesting story
m) ___ apple	n) ___ hour	o) ___ cake	p) ___ useful book

EXERCISE 3 A or an? Tick the right article.

	a	an
a) Look, there is *** bird in the tree!		
b) Can I have *** apple?		
c) I have *** brother.		
d) There is *** old car in the garage.		
e) I go to *** great school.		
f) Let's eat *** English muffin.		
g) Jenny is *** nice girl.		
h) There is *** blue book on the table.		
i) Jeff is *** American.		
j) She is *** aunt.		
k) She has *** new bag.		
l) Let's start *** unit in our English book.		
m) We have *** uncle in Bristol.		
n) This is *** one-size T-shirt.		
o) Emma writes *** email.		
p) Josh writes *** letter.		
q) We must wear *** uniform at school.		
r) My dad is *** teacher.		

EXERCISE 4 A, an, the oder kein Artikel?? Complete the text.

JIM: We must buy ___ present for mum's birthday. How about ___ box of chocolates?

SARAH: That's ___ great idea. They have ___ delicious chocolates at ___ supermarket in Fleet Street.

BOB: Well, I don't like ___ idea. We always get her chocolate. It's so boring. Why not buy her ___ interesting book at ___ bookstore in Fleet Street?

SARAH: They only have ___ expensive books there.

BOB: I'm sure we can find ___ cheap book, too! By the way, ___ new book by JKR is out.

She is ___ great author, so I'm sure mum will like ___ book!

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