

Indefinite Article

There are three articles--- a, an, the

A and **an** are called indefinite articles.

We use an indefinite article when we talk about something for the first time.

We also use the indefinite articles **a** and **an** to talk about any one group of things and not something in particular.

Examples:

Mala bought **a** pink frock.

We use **an** air-conditioner in summer.

'**A**' is used before a word that begins with a consonant sound.

a box, **a** shirt, **a** zebra

'**An**' is used before words that begin with a vowel sound.

an aeroplane, **an** egg, **an** inkpot, **an** owl, **an** umbrella, **an** hour

H is silent in **hour** so hour begins with a vowel sound.

Q1.Fill in the blanks with 'a' and 'an.'

- Please make me _____ cup of coffee.
- Bill Gates is _____ American.
- Mother baked _____ cake for my birthday.
- I saw _____ elephant in the zoo.
- _____ insect has six legs.
- _____ kangaroo keeps its baby in _____ pouch.
- There are hundred centimeters in _____ metre.

Q2.Put 'a' or 'an' in each blank :

- _____ apple
- _____ cage
- _____ doctor
- _____ inkpot
- _____ train
- _____ orange
- _____ owl

Q3. Put a tick (✓) if the article used with the word is correct and a cross (×) if it is wrong.

- a. a friend ()
- b. an student ()
- c. a enemy ()
- d. an hour ()
- e. an basket ()

Q4. Complete the story using 'a' or 'an' where ever necessary:

Once upon ____ time, a Qazi was reading ____ book. He was reading ____ interesting story in that book. He read that ____ man with ____ small round, head and ____ long beard is ____ silly person. The Qazi looked into ____ mirror and found that his head was small and his beard was ____ long one.

So the Qazi looked for ____ pair of scissors but he could not find it. So, he lighted ____ candle in order to burn his beard and make it short. When he felt the heat of the candle –flame, he left the beard which caught fire. Not only his beard but his chin also suffered burns.