

1 Using *a* and *an*

LOOK AND LEARN

You use **an** before words that begin with **vowels**. The five vowels are: **a, e, i, o, u**.



an elephant

vowel

You use **a** before words that begin with **consonants**. The consonants are: **b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z**.



a table

consonant

REMEMBER!

You use **a** or **an** before **singular nouns**.

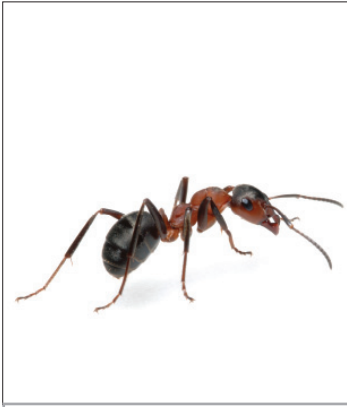
WARM-UP

Put **a** or **an** before these words.

1. _____ orange
2. _____ bike
3. _____ axe
4. _____ doctor
5. _____ teacher
6. _____ uncle
7. _____ arrow
8. _____ horse
9. _____ picture
10. _____ island

WORK ON IT

Write the correct word for each picture. Then add **a** or **an** before the words.



CHALLENGE YOURSELF

*Fill in the blanks with **a** or **an**.*

1. Jack is eating _____ apple.
2. Mrs Lee is _____ dentist.
3. Tom had _____ egg for his breakfast.
4. There is _____ pond in the middle of the garden.
5. Aunt Mary bought me _____ ice cream.
6. A kangaroo is _____ animal from Australia.
7. There is _____ hole in this bag.
8. We caught _____ bus to the station.
9. My friend is _____ year older than me.
10. You must put the letter in _____ envelope.