

‘An’ or ‘A’

Consonant or Vowel

There are 26 letters in the alphabet.
Only 5 are **vowels**. They rest are **consonants**.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n
o p q r s t u v w x y z

Consonants

b c d f g h j k l m
n p q r s t v w x y z

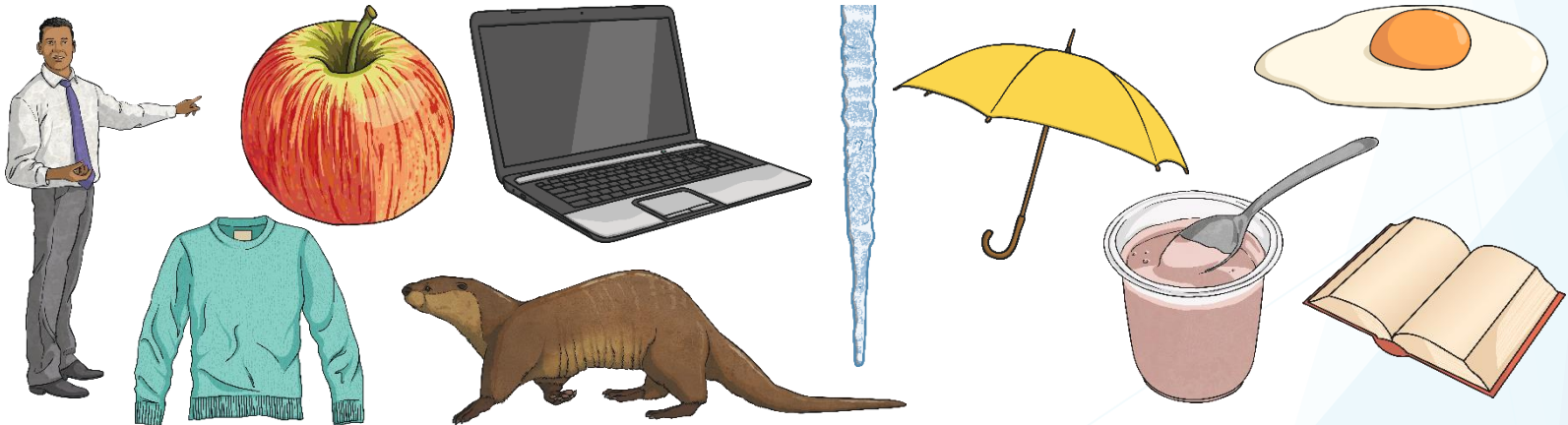
Vowels

a e i o u

Sort The Words:

Words starting with a consonant

Words starting with a vowel



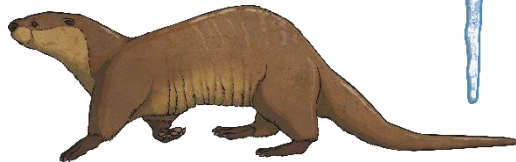
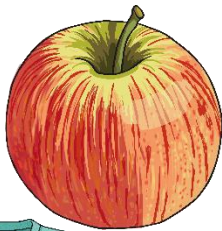
Sort The Words: ANSWERS!

Words starting with a consonant

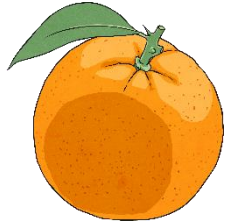
teacher
jumper
laptop
book
yoghurt

Words starting with a vowel

egg
apple
otter
umbrella
icicle



Using 'An' or 'A'



an orange



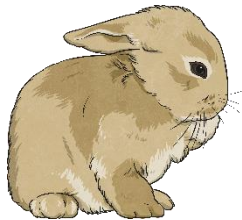
a house



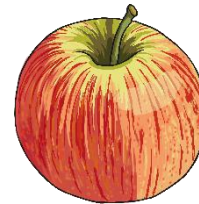
a pencil



an envelope



a rabbit



an apple

Usually, we put 'a' before words that start with a consonant and 'an' before words that start with a vowel.

Complete the Sentences

Try these sentences – should it be ‘a’ or ‘an’?

Tomorrow, I am going to ____ party.



Humpty Dumpty was ____ egg.



I always have ____ umbrella in my bag in case it rains.



The dog was on ____ lead.



You can make ____ house out of snow, which is called ____ igloo.



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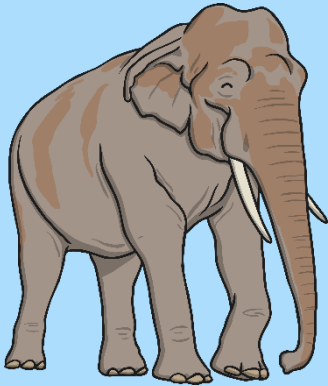


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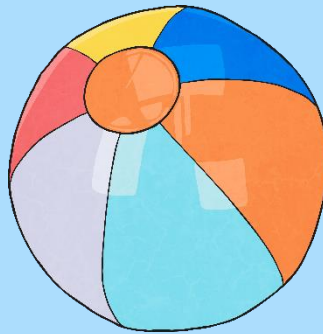


'An' or 'A'?

Which is the odd one out?



elephant



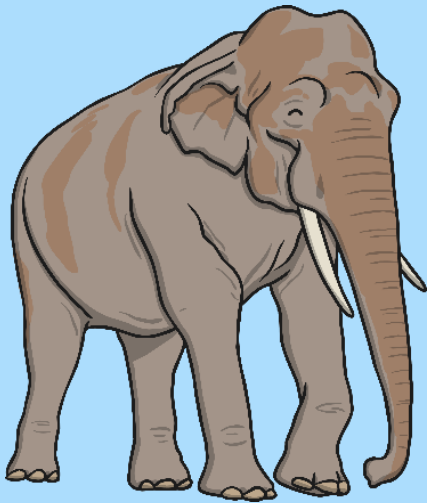
ball



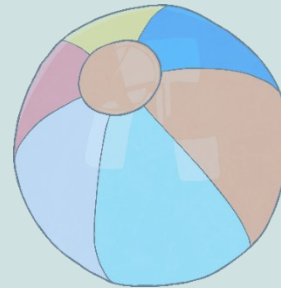
hat

'An' or 'A'? – ANSWER!

The odd one out was...



an elephant



a ball



a hat

'An' or 'A'?

Which is the odd one out?



umbrella



unicycle



umpire

‘An’ or ‘A’? – ANSWER!

The odd one out was...



an umbrella



A unicycle is difficult to ride.

Although unicycle begins with a vowel, the **sound** is not a **vowel sound**. The ‘u’ makes a ‘y’ sound.

a unicycle

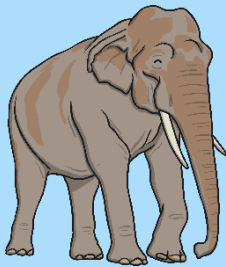


an umpire

Using 'An' or 'A'

RULE: Use 'an' before a word that starts with a **vowel sound**.

For example:



an elephant



an umbrella

an hour – 'hour' does not start with a vowel (a, e, i, o or u) but it does start with a vowel sound.



an hour because the 'h' is silent. Tricky!

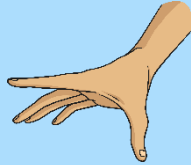
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Look at these words below and decide whether 'an' or 'a' should be used beforehand.

Remember to think carefully about what sound the first letter makes:



apple



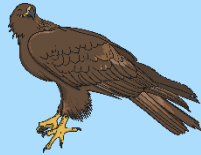
hand



cat



hour



eagle



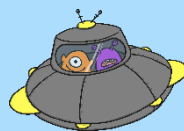
umbrella



dog



chair



UFO

an

a

Using 'An' or 'A' – ANSWERS!

The answers are shown below:

an



umbrella



apple



hour

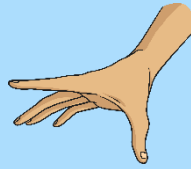


eagle

a



chair



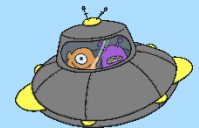
hand



dog



cat



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