

Day 1

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talking about one out of many	He picked up an apple from the apple bin.
mentioning something or somebody for the first time	A mysterious man walked into the store and the detective followed him.
talking about something in general	A mind is a terrible thing to waste.

A

Use a before words that begin with a consonant.

- A dog
- A basket
- A teacher
- A child

Use a before words that begin with a vowel that makes the yoo sound.

- A unicorn
- A uniform
- A university
- A utensil
- A European person

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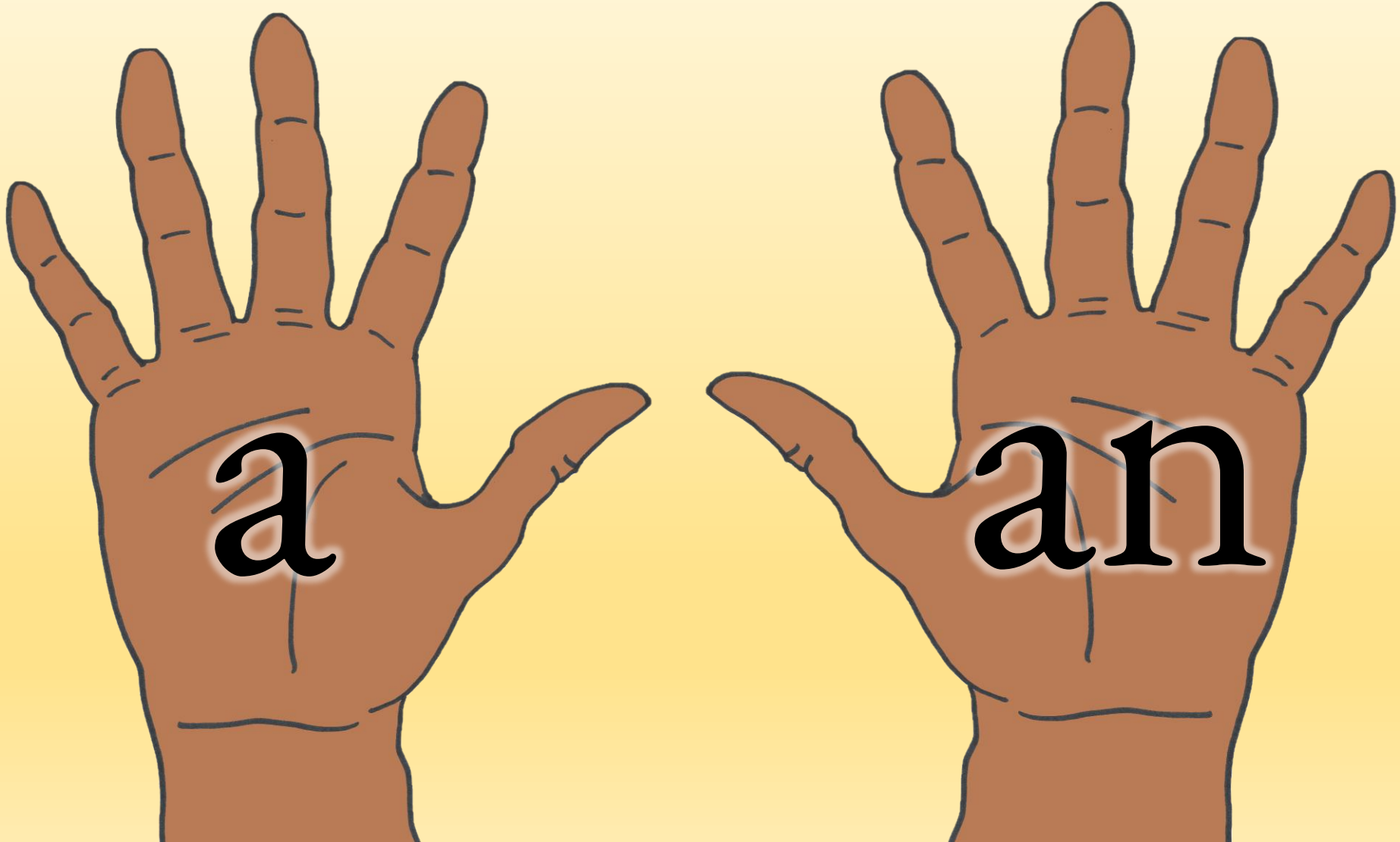
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- An elephant
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Use an before words that begin with a silent h.

- An hour
- An honor
- An honest person
- An herb

Read your card and high-five the
correct side of the board.



Print onto cardstock and cut.

dog

igloo

uniform

desk

chair

jacket

egg

ear

undershirt

bottle

acorn

herb

Print onto cardstock and cut.

shoe

bucket

utensil

hairband

eye

nose

hand

heirloom

sock

utility belt

flag

eight ball

Print onto cardstock and cut.

paper

pencil

unhappy puppy

icky bug

university

hour

blueberry

alligator

nose

elevator

tape dispenser

unicorn

Day 2

Use a or an when talking about one out of many.

Use the when talking about a specific one.

- He bought a tulip for his wife.
(There were more tulips in the store.)
- She bit into an orange.
(There were more oranges in the bowl.)

- The tulip was yellow.
(It's the same tulip he gave her.)
- The orange tasted sweet.
(It's the same orange she bit into.)

Write on each side of three
folded index cards:



a

an

the

Hold up the card with the
correct article for each sentence.

My dog dug _____
hole in the backyard.

Look at _____ boat
coming toward us.

We have been waiting
for over _____
hour!

What _____
amazing day this has
been!

Put your trash in
_____ trash can.

Have you ever
seen _____ wild cat
in person?

Day 3

Some singular nouns don't always need an article.

church

school

temple

bed

fruit

class

work

home

jail

breakfast

lunch

dinner

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Pull a card from one box and an
article from the other.

Make a sentence.

Print onto color cardstock and cut.

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no
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Day 4

Plurals

General: No Article	Specific: The
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<u>Books</u> are filled with knowledge.	<u>The books</u> are on the shelf.
<u>Fairs</u> are fun to visit.	<u>The fairs</u> I went to as a child were more exciting than the ones I visited as an adult.

The

No Article

I think _____ dogs
are being very noisy.

I know that _____
vegetables help you to
grow.

We will stack _____
chairs at the end of the
day.

I wonder if _____
desks are always made out
of wood.

I hope Grandma makes
_____ potatoes for
Thanksgiving.

We will start to cook
_____turkey at nine
o'clock.

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