**A, an und the**

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| **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 **c**at, a **b**ird, a **h**ouse |
| **an** | benutzt man, wenn ein Wort (ausgesprochen) mit einem Vokal beginnt:  an **a**lphabet, an **e**lefant, an **o**ld man |
| 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 ju[[1]](#footnote-1):  **a** uniform -> das Wort uniform (Uniform) wird „juniform“ ausgesprochen  Umgekehrt kann ein h am Wortanfang stumm sein: Hier braucht man dann das *an[[2]](#footnote-2)*.  **an** hour -> das Wort hour (Stunde) wird „our“ ausgesprochen  Auch bei Abkürzungen kommt es darauf an, wie sie ausgesprochen werden:  **an** FBI agent (sprich „ef bi ai“) | |

**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.

**EXERCISE 2** Fill in: a or an?

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| 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.

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|  | 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!

**Lösungen**

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**EXERCISE 2** a) a hotel, b) a dog, c) an uncle, d) an iced tea, e) a new door, f) a university, g) an empty glass, h) a DVD, i) an FBI agent, j) a card, k) a bag, l) an interesting story, m) an apple, n) an hour, o) a cake, p) a useful book

**EXERCISE 3** A or an? Tick the right article.

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|  | a | an |
| a) Look, there is \*\*\* bird in the tree! | x |  |
| b) Can I have \*\*\* apple? |  | x |
| c) I have \*\*\* brother. | x |  |
| d) There is \*\*\* old car in the garage. |  | x |
| e) I go to \*\*\* great school. | x |  |
| f) Let’s eat \*\*\* English muffin. |  | x |
| g) Jenny is \*\*\* nice girl. | x |  |
| h) There is \*\*\* blue book on the table. | x |  |
| i) Jeff is \*\*\* American. |  | x |
| j) She is \*\*\* aunt. |  | x |
| k) She has \*\*\* new bag. | x |  |
| l) Let’s start \*\*\* unit in our English book. | x |  |
| m) We have \*\*\* uncle in Bristol. |  | x |
| n) This is \*\*\* one-size T-shirt. | x |  |
| o) Emma writes \*\*\* email. |  | x |
| p) Josh writes \*\*\* letter. | x |  |
| q) We must wear \*\*\* uniform at school. | x |  |
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1. andere Beispiele: unit, uniform, university, useful … [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. wichtige Wörter mit stummem h sind: hour, honour, honest und heir. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)