

Using 'An' or 'A'



Can you write 6 consonants on your whiteboard in 10 seconds?

How do you know that they are consonants?

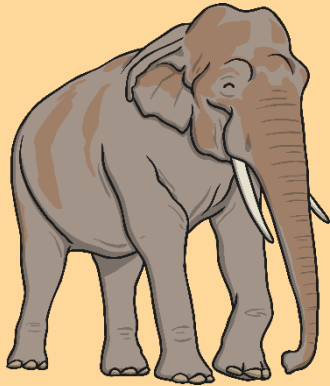
Consonants are letters (or sounds) that are not vowels (a, e, i, o, u).
For example j, d and z are all consonants.

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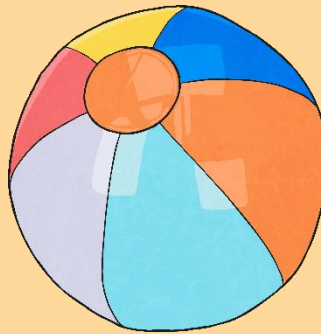


Play the odd one out activity.

As a class use 'an' or 'a' to find the odd one out.



elephant



ball

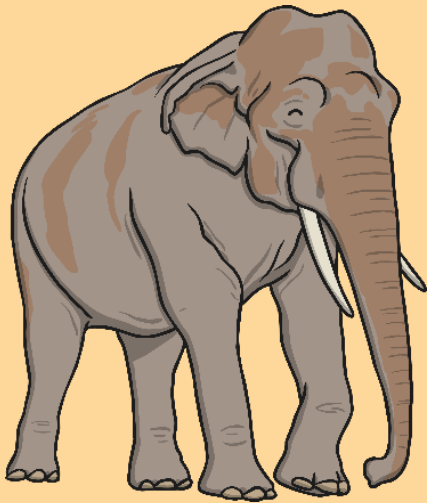


hat

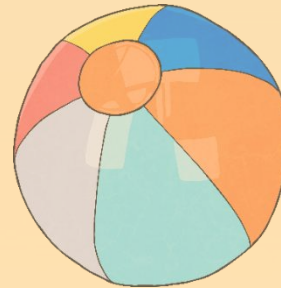
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The odd one out was...



an elephant



a ball



a hat

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Play the odd one out activity.

With your partner use 'an' or 'a' to find the odd one out.



umbrella



unicycle



umpire



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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

Can you write a rule about using 'an' or 'a' on a whiteboard?

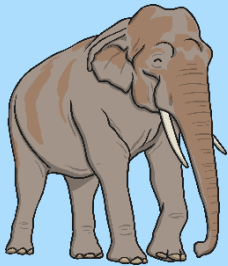
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Your rule about using 'an' or 'a' should sound like this:

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!

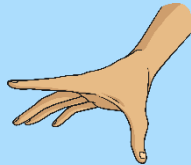


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Look at these words below and decide whether 'an' or 'a' should be used beforehand.



apple



hand



cat

an



hour



eagle



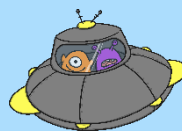
umbrella



dog



chair



UFO

a

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The answers are shown below:

an



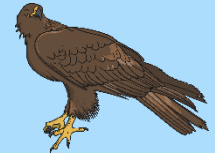
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hour

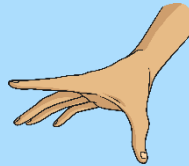


eagle

a



chair



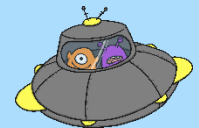
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