

**Subject – English Grammar**  
**Class – 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Lesson – 7**  
**A, An, The**

**1. Use of A**

**'A'** is always used before a singular noun. It is used before a word that begins with a 'consonant sound'.

a bulb,            a chair,            a jug,            a fish,  
a duck,            a horse,            a dog,            a kite,  
a man,            a needle,            a pencil,            a fridge,  
a sharpener,    a television,    a glass,            a watch,

**2. Use of An**

**'An'** is also always used before a singular noun. It is used before a word that begins with a 'vowel sound'.

an aeroplane,            an apple,            an ass,            an ant,  
an egg,  
envelope,            an eagle,            an elephant,            an  
an igloo,            an ice cream,            an inkpot,            an onion  
an orange,            an ostrich,            an umbrella,            an x-ray

**3. Use of The**

**The** is used before the names of –

- i. **River** -    the Ganga,            the Yamuna

- ii. **Mountain ranges** - the Himalayas, the Alps
- iii. **Famous historical buildings** - the Taj Mahal, the Red Fort
- iv. **Natural bodies** - the Sun, the Moon
- v. **Holy religious books** - the Bible the Ramayana
- vi. **Names of news papers** - the Times of India, the Hindustan Times
- vii. **Musical instruments** - the guitar the flute

**4. Put 'a' or 'an' in the blanks:-**

an amoeba,                      a boy,                      a cat,                      a  
 duck,

an urn,                              a violin,                      a web,                      an  
 xerox,

an instrument,                      a joker,                      a kangaroo,                      a  
 ladder,

a mountain,                              a nest,                              an owl,                              a  
 peacock,

a queen,                              a rabbit,                              a soldier                              a  
 television

an engineer,                              a fan,                              a girl,                              a  
 house,

a yak,                              a zebra

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

- i. We saw an eagle in the sky.
- ii. Have you read the Bible?
- iii. I ate an egg and a slice of bread for breakfast.
- iv. An earth goes around the Sun.
- v. I have a bow and an arrow.
- vi. I bought an umbrella and a pair of shoes.
- vii. An apple a day keeps the doctor away.
- viii. I have never seen an igloo.
- ix. He loves to play a guitar.
- x. There is a bird in the nest.

**6. Each of these sentences has a mistake. Circle the mistakes and rewrite the sentences correctly.**

- i. My brother has an black eagle.  
My brother has a black eagle.
- ii. The moon travels around a earth.  
The moon travels around an earth.
- iii. A Taj Mahal is one of the seven wonders of the world.  
A Taj Mahal is one of the seven wonders of the world.
- iv. The Time of India is a English newspaper.  
The Time of India is a English newspaper.
- v. A young woman meets a old man.  
A young woman meets a old man.
- vi. She ate a egg with a spoon.  
She ate a egg with a spoon.

**7. Tick the correct choice.**

- i. He is  $\sqrt{a}$  / an doctor.
- ii. She is a /  $\sqrt{an}$  intelligent girl.
- iii. He is  $\sqrt{a}$  / an policeman.
- iv. This is a /  $\sqrt{an}$  expensive dress.