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1 *book, books*

one book → two **books** one bus → three **buses** one child → four **children**

- To make a singular noun into a plural noun, add -s or -es:
book → **books** *game* → **games** *boy* → **boys** *bus* → **buses**
match → **matches**
- Be careful of spelling changes:
baby → **babies** *potato* → **potatoes** *knife* → **knives**
- These plurals are irregular:
man → **men** *woman* → **women** *child* → **children** *person* → **people**
foot → **feet** *tooth* → **teeth** *mouse* → **mice** *fish* → **fish** *sheep* → **sheep**

▶▶ See Appendix 1: Spelling rules for plural nouns, page 169.

PRACTICE

- 1a** Write the plurals of the words in the box in the correct group.

address bag birthday box brother brush bus church
coat dish dress euro fox orange pen place programme
sandwich table tomato toy tree watch wish

-s:
.....
.....

-es: *addresses*
.....
.....
.....

- 10 Complete the table.**

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
beach	<i>beaches</i>	shelf	
holiday		shoe	
loaf		foot	
man		eye	
dictionary		glass	
person		potato	

2 a banana, an orange

a banana **a** big orange **an** apple **an** expensive pizza

- ☺ We use *a/an* before a noun when we talk about one thing or person:
a banana (= one banana) **an** apple (= one apple)
- ☺ We use *a* before a consonant sound: **a** banana **a** big orange
- ☺ We use *an* before a vowel sound (*a, e, i, o, u*): **an** apple **an** expensive pizza

PRACTICE

2a Complete the table. Write the nouns in the box in the correct group.

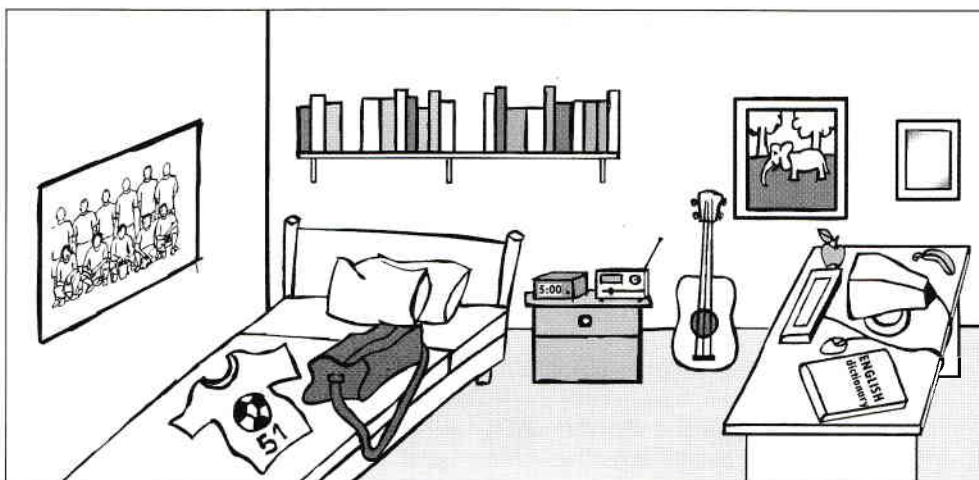
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exam exercise film goal holiday ice cream insect island
key lemon map neighbour octopus omelette office photo
ruler ship town umbrella uncle visitor window

a		an	
		<i>animal</i>	

2b Circle the correct answer.

- 0 That's *a* / *an* excellent idea!
- 1 Is it *a* / *an* big island?
- 2 She's *a* / *an* American film star.
- 3 Are you *a* / *an* new student?
- 4 It's *a* / *an* ugly place.
- 5 Chinese isn't *a* / *an* easy language.
- 6 This is *a* / *an* difficult exam.
- 7 He's *a* / *an* important writer.
- 8 Have you got *a* / *an* good encyclopaedia?
- 9 Is that *a* / *an* nice restaurant?
- 10 She's *a* / *an* interesting person.

Complete the list of things in Luke's bedroom. Use *a* or *an*. Two things on the list are not in the picture. Can you find them?



- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0 <i>an</i> old desk | 8 English dictionary |
| 1 basketball | 9 poster of football team |
| 2 expensive football shirt | 10 radio |
| 3 bed | 11 guitar |
| 4 wallet | 12 apple and banana |
| 5 computer | 13 small mirror |
| 6 big bag | 14 picture of elephant |
| 7 alarm clock | 15 long shelf |

There isn't or in the picture.

3 *a DVD, the DVD*

There's **a** DVD with this magazine. I want to watch **the** DVD.

DVDs are expensive. Where are **the** DVDs?

- We use *a/an* with a singular noun when we talk about a thing but it is not clear which thing we mean:
*There's **a** DVD with this magazine.* (It is not clear which DVD I mean.)
- We use *the* with a singular or plural noun when it is clear which thing or things we mean: *I want to watch **the** DVD.* (We know which DVD.)
- We do not use *a/an* with plural nouns:
*He's got **a** problem. He's got **problems**.*



For more about articles, see Units 20–22.

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PRACTICE

3a Circle the correct answer.

A: I'm going to (o) *a* /*(the)* park. Do you want to come?

B: OK. Why are you going there?

A: I'm trying to take (1) *the photos* /*photos* of (2) *a people* /*people*. I'm doing (3) *an* /*the* art project.

B: Oh. What's it about?

A: (4) *The faces* /*Faces*. I want to make (5) *a* /*the* big picture with (6) *the photos* /*photos*. I need about thirty pictures. Smile!

B: Oh!

A: That's a nice photo. Look!

B: It isn't nice! Look at (7) *a* /*the* tree on my head! And (8) *the flowers* /*flowers* in my ears!

A: Don't worry. It's (9) *a* /*the* great picture. It's art!

B: Give me (10) *a* /*the* camera!

3b Complete the conversations. Use *a*, *an*, *the* or –.

o A: Do you want to play *a* game?

B: I don't know. What do you want to play?

1 A: Have you got key?

B: No. It's on the table.

2 A: I've got idea.

B: Oh. What?

3 A: Do you go to rock concerts?

B: Sometimes.

4 A: What's that under sofa?

B: I don't know. It's horrible!

5 A: Are beaches here nice?

B: Yes.

6 A: Is there telephone near here?

B: Yes. Near that café.

7 A: I'm sending Sarah text message.

B: What are you saying in it?

8 A: Where are Lucy and Matt?

B: They're in car. They're waiting for you.

9 A: Why do you like horses?

B: They're beautiful and exciting.

10 A: Is this CD good?

B: Yes. songs are brilliant!