

Articles worksheet for Class 1: a, an, the

40 questions in three parts. Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

The three rules: use a before a consonant sound (a ball), an before a vowel sound (an apple: a, e, i, o, u), and the for a particular thing we both know (the sun, the door of this room, the book we just talked about).

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Part A. Write a or an (15 marks)

1. ____ apple 2. ____ ball 3. ____ egg
4. ____ cat 5. ____ umbrella 6. ____ orange
7. ____ dog 8. ____ ice cream 9. ____ kite
10. ____ elephant 11. ____ hat 12. ____ owl
13. ____ fish 14. ____ ant 15. ____ bus

Part B. Fill in a, an or the (15 marks)

16. I have ____ red pencil.
17. She ate ____ orange.
18. ____ sun is hot.
19. Ravi has ____ umbrella.
20. There is ____ cow in the field.
21. ____ moon comes out at night.
22. I saw ____ elephant at the zoo.
23. This is ____ book. ____ book is new.
24. Mina is ____ good girl.
25. Please open ____ door.
26. Do you want ____ ice cream?
27. ____ earth goes round ____ sun.
28. I need ____ eraser.
29. We saw ____ aeroplane in ____ sky.
30. My father is ____ doctor.

Part C. Each sentence has one wrong article. Write the sentence correctly (10 marks)

31. I have a apple.

32. She has an bag.

33. A sun is yellow.

34. He saw a owl.

35. Give me an pen.

36. This is the apple. An apple is red.

37. I want a egg.

38. A moon is round.

39. It is a elephant.

40. Close a window, please.

Answers, with the rule

1. an (an apple): apple starts with a vowel sound
2. a (a ball): ball starts with a consonant sound
3. an (an egg): vowel sound
4. a (a cat): consonant sound
5. an (an umbrella): vowel sound
6. an (an orange): vowel sound
7. a (a dog): consonant sound
8. an (an ice cream): vowel sound
9. a (a kite): consonant sound
10. an (an elephant): vowel sound
11. a (a hat): consonant sound; we say the h
12. an (an owl): vowel sound
13. a (a fish): consonant sound
14. an (an ant): vowel sound
15. a (a bus): consonant sound
16. a: any red pencil, not a particular one; r is a consonant sound
17. an: orange starts with a vowel sound
18. The: there is only one sun: use the
19. an: vowel sound
20. a: one cow, not yet named: a
21. The: only one moon: the
22. an: vowel sound
23. a / The: first time a book, then the book we just mentioned
24. a: g is a consonant sound
25. the: a particular door, the one in this room
26. an: vowel sound
27. The / the: only one earth and one sun
28. an: vowel sound
29. an / the: aeroplane: vowel sound; the sky: there is only one
30. a: one of many doctors: a
31. I have an apple. (apple starts with a vowel sound, so an)
32. She has a bag. (bag starts with a consonant sound, so a)
33. The sun is yellow. (there is only one sun)
34. He saw an owl. (vowel sound)
35. Give me a pen. (consonant sound)
36. This is an apple. The apple is red. (first time: an apple; after that, the apple we mentioned)
37. I want an egg. (vowel sound)
38. The moon is round. (only one moon)
39. It is an elephant. (vowel sound)
40. Close the window, please. (a particular window)

Score out of 40: _____ 36 to 40: articles are secure · 28 to 35: practise the vowel-sound words (umbrella, owl, egg) · under 28: read Part A aloud together every day for a week, listening for the first sound.

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