



Indefinite Articles: A and An — A1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. She works in ____ hospital in the city centre.
A) an B) a C) the a D) one
2. I waited for ____ hour outside the station.
A) a B) an C) the an D) one a
3. He is studying at ____ university in Scotland.
A) an B) a C) the an D) any
4. My mother is ____ architect.
A) a B) an C) the D) no article
5. Which sentence is correct?
A) She is nurse. B) She is a nurse. C) She is the nurse of hospital. D) She is nurse one.
6. We go swimming twice ____ week.
A) in a B) the C) a D) on
7. There's ____ old bicycle in the garage.
A) a B) an C) the a D) one
8. He gave me ____ honest answer.
A) a B) an C) the D) one
9. I need ____ information about the timetable.
A) an B) a C) some D) one
10. She bought ____ umbrella and ____ raincoat.
A) a / an B) an / a C) an / an D) a / a

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. My father is _____ electrician.
2. She lives in _____ small village near the coast.
3. We waited nearly _____ hour for the bus.

4. He is _____ university student in Glasgow.
5. I take the train twice _____ month.
6. There is _____ old church at the end of the street.
7. That was _____ honest thing to say.
8. She wants to be _____ doctor when she finishes school.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. teacher / our / is / a / at / school. / She

Say what a woman does for a living and where.

2. waited / an / hour. / for / I

Say how long you were kept waiting, using a silent-h noun.

3. a / is / at / factory. / engineer / an / He / car

Describe a man's profession and workplace.

4. bank / is / corner. / There / on / the / a

Describe one building at a street junction.

5. go / swimming / We / a / twice / week.

Describe how often your group exercises.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **B) a** — Hospital begins with the consonant sound /h/, so it takes a.
2. **B) an** — The h in hour is silent, so the first sound is a vowel and the article is an.
3. **B) a** — University begins with the sound yoo, which counts as a consonant sound, so it takes a.
4. **B) an** — Architect begins with a vowel sound, and English always needs an article before a job title.
5. **B) She is a nurse.** — Jobs after be always take a or an in English, even where other languages drop the article.
6. **C) a** — A means per in expressions of rate: twice a week, fifty pence a kilo.
7. **B) an** — Old begins with a vowel sound, and the article agrees with the word that follows it directly.
8. **B) an** — The h in honest is silent, so the word begins with a vowel sound.
9. **C) some** — Information is uncountable and can never take a or an — it takes some instead.
10. **B) an / a** — Umbrella begins with a vowel sound and raincoat with a consonant sound.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **an** — Electrician begins with a vowel sound, so the article is an.
2. **a** — Small begins with a consonant sound, and the article agrees with the word directly after it.
3. **an** — The h in hour is silent, so the word begins with a vowel sound.
4. **a** — University begins with the sound yoo, which counts as a consonant sound.
5. **a** — A means per in expressions of rate.
6. **an** — Old begins with a vowel sound.
7. **an** — Honest has a silent h, so its first sound is a vowel.
8. **a** — Doctor begins with a consonant sound, and jobs always need an article in English.

C. Sentence building

1. **She is a teacher at our school.**
2. **I waited for an hour.**
3. **He is an engineer at a car factory.**
4. **There is a bank on the corner.**
5. **We go swimming twice a week.**