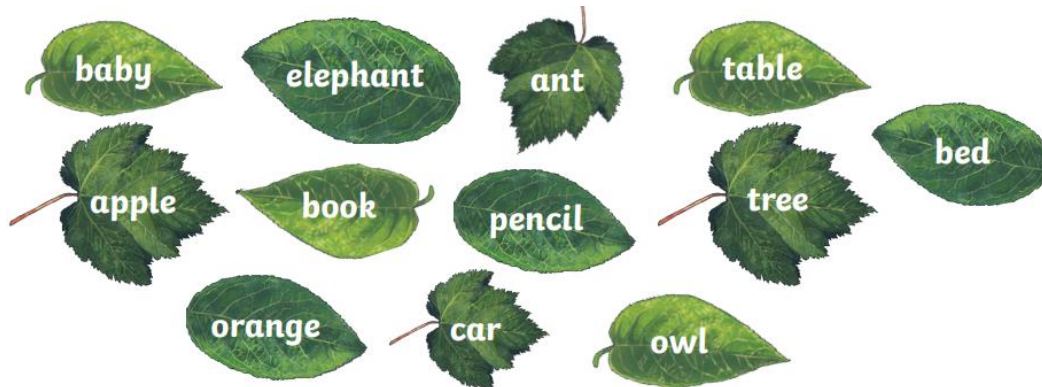


1. Can you sort the words into two columns: words that start with a **vowel** sound and words that start with a **consonant** sound.



Start with a vowel	Start with a consonant

2. Look at the pictures below. Put either 'a' or 'an' into each space so that the sentences make sense.



It's _____ apple.

It's _____ juicy apple.



It's _____ owl.

It's _____ wise owl.



It's _____ bed.

It's _____ old bed.



It's _____ octopus.

It's _____ big octopus.



It's _____ pencil.

It's _____ purple pencil.



It's _____ onion.

It's _____ huge onion.



It's _____ door.

It's _____ open door.



It's _____ monster.

It's _____ blue monster.



It's _____ elephant.

It's _____ angry elephant.

3. Circle the correct one; should it be 'a' or 'an'?

1. On a branch, sat **a / an** wise, old owl.
2. Luke kicked **a / an** orange ball into the air.
3. Through her telescope, Tia saw **a / an** old man on the moon.
4. **A / An** ambulance rushed along the street.
5. The building had **a / an** emergency exit in case of a fire.
6. Martin ate **a / an** delicious apple.
7. Patrick had **a / an** multicoloured pencil.
8. The singer gave **a / an** interview on live TV.

4. Challenge:

Most of the time, we add 'a' before words that start with consonants and 'an' before words that start with a vowel. However, which would you use in this sentence?

The boy had **a / an** unique talent.

In this sentence the article used should be 'a' as the 'u' in unique is making the consonant sound /y/. If the first letter of a word makes a consonant sound, you place 'a' before it but, if the first letter of a word makes a vowel sound, you place 'an' before the word.

Have a go at the sentences below. Should it be 'a' or 'an'? Circle the correct answer

1. I arrived **a / an** hour early for the party.
2. The story took place in **a / an** universe far from ours.
3. The police officer wore **a / an** uniform.
4. In the magical forest, Betty saw **a / an** unicorn.
5. Pinocchio wasn't always **a / an** honest boy.
6. On holiday, we needed **a / an** universal adaptor for the plug.
7. They were looking for **a / an** heir to the throne.