

# ROLE MODELS

## The indefinite articles

### ARTICLES: A, AN, ZERO ARTICLE WITH PLURALS

The indefinite articles in English are: "a" and "an"

The indefinite article "a" is the same for all genders.

a cat, a boy, a dog

The indefinite article has no plural form.

a girl – X a girls

- "a" is used before nouns that begin with consonant or consonant sound  
Example: a book, a computer, a refrigerator, a boy, a school, a girl
- "an" is used before nouns that begin with a vowel or vowel sound  
Example: an orange, an hour, an airplane, an aunt, an old school, an American boy

Use of the indefinite article a/an

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- Before phrases of time and measurements (per week/weekly)

We have Spanish 3 times a week.

Bananas are \$4 a kilo.

- Before phrases of jobs

My mother is a dentist.

- With a noun complement

She is a beautiful girl.

- Before phrases of nationality

Mary Angelotti is an Italian.

- Half/quite

I need half a pound of sugar.

It is important for you to pay attention at the time of using Zero Article. Sometimes is difficult to know when to use the article "the". Here you have some rules that will help you to know when you can use the article "the".