

Articles A and AN

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 and an.

- 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.

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She is a beautiful girl.

- Before phrases of nationality.

Mary Angelotti is an Italian.

- Half/quite.

I need half a pound of sugar.