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**an** or just an **a** by itself? Which one do you use?

an comes before a **vowel**  
a comes before a **consonant**

(**Vowels** are a, e, i, o and u)  
(**Consonants** are any letters in the alphabet that are not vowels!)

Example:

**an** elephant

**a** table

There is an exception for words starting with a “u” that sound like “YOO” (universe) instead of “UH” (umbrella).

Example:

**a** universe (Do you hear the “yoo” sound in the front? That means we have to put an **a** in front of it. It “breaks” the rules.)

**an** unlucky event (Here there is just the regular “short” u with the “uh” sound... so we use **an** in front.)

Now you put the correct word (either a or an) in front of the words! Color the beginning letter red if it's a vowel or blue if it's a consonant to help you decide. Be on the watch for those tricky u's!

\_\_\_\_\_ **d**og

\_\_\_\_\_ **k**itten

\_\_\_\_\_ **i**gloo

\_\_\_\_\_ **i**cicle

\_\_\_\_\_ **a**pple

\_\_\_\_\_ **i**cky monster

\_\_\_\_\_ Experiment

\_\_\_\_\_ Jolly old elf

\_\_\_\_\_ Girl

\_\_\_\_\_ Book

\_\_\_\_\_ Boy

\_\_\_\_\_ Egg

\_\_\_\_\_ Astronaut

\_\_\_\_\_ Universe

\_\_\_\_\_ Planet

\_\_\_\_\_ Ugly duckling

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunar lander

\_\_\_\_\_ Animal

\_\_\_\_\_ Oil spill

\_\_\_\_\_ Exciting story

\_\_\_\_\_ Octopus

\_\_\_\_\_ Acrobat

\_\_\_\_\_ Unfortunate event

\_\_\_\_\_ Ice cream

\_\_\_\_\_ Usual kind of day

\_\_\_\_\_ Flickle on your nose

\_\_\_\_\_ Loose tooth

\_\_\_\_\_ Silly song

Make up a few of your own now!

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