

**ARTICLE**  
**A/AN**

# A - An

a + consonant

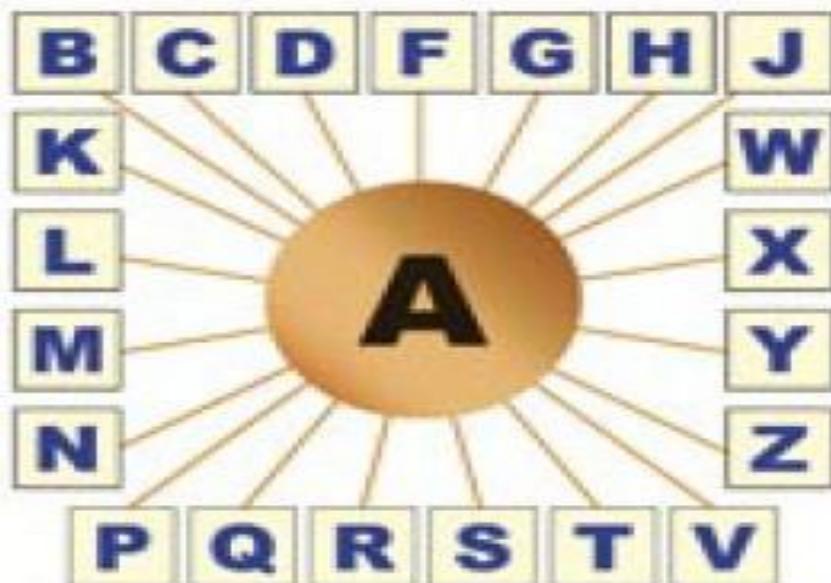
lamp  
door  
**a** + **h**ouse  
**b**ag  
**t**omato

an + vowel

**a**pple  
**e**lephant  
**a**n + **i**ce-cream  
**o**range  
**u**mbrella

TABLE 3.

## INDEFINITE ARTICLE



a bag; a cat; a dog

an apple; an orange

# "A" or "An"

"A" goes before words that begin with consonants.

Examples:

a bat  
a cap  
a doll

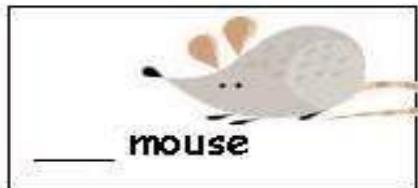
an apple  
an elephant  
an olive

"An" goes before words that begin with vowel sounds



Examples:

an apple  
an elephant  
an olive



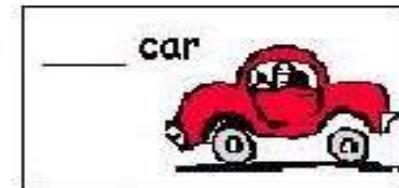
— mouse



— egg



— angel



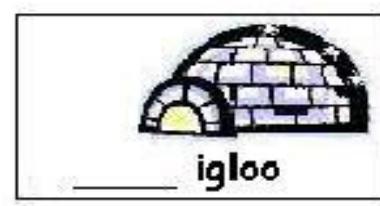
— car



— ostrich



— kitten



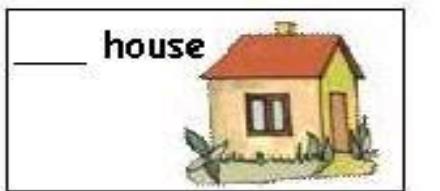
— igloo



— rabbit



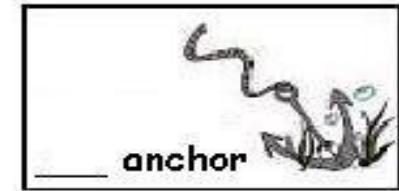
— frog



— house



— umbrella



— anchor