1. I ate dinner over _____ hour ago.

3. My brother is _____ soldier in the army.

5. Samuel painted _____ unusual picture.

7. Do you have _____ extra pencil?


11. My sister will attend _____ university when she finishes high school.

2. Dad made _____ delicious pork roast.

4. He wears _____ uniform.

6. It was a picture of _____ unicorn.

8. My pencil broke during _____ English test.

10. He went to the hospital for _____ x-ray.

Use the word a before nouns or adjectives that begin with a consonant sound.

I listened to a terrific song on the radio.

Use the word an before nouns or adjectives that begin with a vowel sound.

I saw an exciting movie last night.

Sometimes a word can begin with a vowel, but start with a consonant sound. When this happens you use a.

Inches are a unit of measurement on a ruler.

The word unit begins with the consonant y-sound (yoo-nit), so you would use the article a.

Sometimes a word will begin with a silent consonant, but a vowel sound. When this happens you use an.

Mr. Bolivia is an honest man.

Even though honest begins with a consonant, the h is silent. The word begins with a vowel sound, so you would use an.
Advanced Use of Articles: a and an

Use the word *a* before nouns or adjectives that begin with a consonant sound.

I listened to *a* terrific song on the radio.

Use the word *an* before nouns or adjectives that begin with a vowel sound.

I saw *an* exciting movie last night.

Sometimes a word can begin with a vowel, but start with a consonant sound. When this happens you use *a*.

Inches are *a* unit of measurement on a ruler.

The word *unit* begins with the consonant y-sound (yoo-nit), so you would use the article *a*.

Sometimes a word will begin with a silent consonant, but a vowel sound. When this happens you use *an*.

Mr. Bolivia is *an* honest man.

Even though *honest* begins with a consonant, the h is silent. The word begins with a vowel sound, so you would use *an*.

Write the word *a* or *an* on each line to complete each sentence.

1. I ate dinner over *____ a hour ago.*
2. Dad made *____ a delicious pork roast.*
3. My brother is *____ an soldier in the army.*
4. He wears *____ an uniform.*
5. Samuel painted *____ an unusual picture.*
6. It was a picture of *____ an unicorn.*
7. Do you have *____ an extra pencil?*
8. My pencil broke during *____ an English test.*
9. Kelly broke *____ a bone in her leg.*
10. He went to the hospital for *____ an x-ray.*
11. My sister will attend *____ a university* when she finishes high school.

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