When a singular noun begins with a consonant sound, use the word a.
   I saw a lion at the zoo.

When a singular noun begins with a vowel sound, use the word an.
   We also saw an ostrich.

The word the can be used with singular or plural nouns.
   We will also see the tigers.

Write a or an before each noun.

8. _____ zookeeper  9. _____ orangutan  10. _____ gift shop
11. _____ animal  12. _____ polar bear  13. _____ arctic fox
14. _____ coyote  15. _____ anteater  16. _____ koala

Circle the articles in each sentence.

17. Before we visited the gorilla habitat, we stopped to watch a hyena.
18. A peacock wandered across the path as we wandered toward the antelope exhibit.
When a singular noun begins with a consonant sound, use the word _a_.

I saw _a_ lion at the zoo.

Circle the correct article for each sentence.

1. Bobby and I paid _$20_ for tickets to (an, the) _zoo_.
2. The first animals we saw were (a, the) _giraffes_.
3. After that, we watched (a, an) _ape_ eat a banana.
4. I have never seen (a, an) _elephant_ before.
5. Can we go look at (a, the) _zebras_ next?
6. (A, The) _monkeys_ were climbing up (a, an) _giant_ tree.
7. I think the zoo is (a, an) _exciting_ place to visit.

Circle the articles in each sentence.

17. Before we visited (the) _gorilla habitat_ we stopped to watch (a) _hyena_.
18. (A, The) _peacock_ wandered across (the) _path_ as we wandered toward (the) _antelope exhibit_.

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