

A and An

Use **a** or **an** with a singular countable noun when the listener doesn't know which one you mean, or it doesn't matter: *I talked to a manager*. Also to say what someone or something is: *She's an engineer*. Use **an** before a vowel sound: *an hour, a university*.

I talked to **a manager** yesterday.



a manager

one of several

1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- My brother is _____ doctor.
a) the **b)** a
- I waited for _____ hour.
a) a **b)** an
- She's studying at _____ university in Spain.
a) a **b)** an
- Could you give me _____ about the course?
a) an information **b)** some information
- There's _____ email for you from the bank.
a) an **b)** a

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. She is engineer.

2. Can you give me an advice?

3. It took a hour.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

have a look

take a break

in a hurry

a lot of

a few

half an hour

once a week

What a day!

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at clarigram.app/articles/a-an

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **b) a** Saying what someone's job is takes a or an.
2. **b) an** Hour starts with a vowel sound: the h is silent.
3. **a) a** University starts with a 'you' sound, which is a consonant sound.
4. **b) some information** Information is uncountable, so it never takes a or an.
5. **a) an** Email starts with a vowel sound.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **She is an engineer.** Saying what someone's job is takes a or an.
2. **Can you give me some advice?** Advice is uncountable, so it can't take a or an. For one, say a piece of advice.
3. **It took an hour.** The h in hour is silent, so the word starts with a vowel sound.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.