

EXERCISES

Fill in the blanks with 'A' or 'An'.

She has an egg for breakfast.

a grocer sells condiments.

A woman and a child came begging at our door.

Prince William is an heir to the throne.

An inkpot is on the table.

A spanner is a useful tool.

A mango is a fruit.

An ugly woman sang a beautiful song.

An elephant is an animal.

An old man married a young woman.

I. Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the'.



1. We are going to see *the* Niagara Falls.
2. Punjab is *the* land of five rivers.
3. We are looking for *a* plot of land.
4. *The* beauty of Padmini was admirable.
5. *The* shooting of *the* film *Guide* was done in Udaipur.
6. The farmer bought *a* cow, *a* bull and *an* ox.
7. *A/the* necklace was found in *a/the* dustbin.
8. Can you answer *a/the* question please?
9. I had *an* orange and *an* egg for my breakfast.
10. *The/an* umbrella was found in *the/a* bus.
11. *The* Himalayas are *the* highest mountains in the world.
12. *An* apple was rotten in *The* basket.
13. *A/the* girl in *an* overcoat is selling raffle tickets.

'a' or 'An' or 'The'

When we speak of a person or a thing for the first time, we use 'a' or 'an'.
When we speak of it again, we use *the*.

Example :

- a) I had *an* egg for breakfast. *The* egg was good.
- b) He lost *an* arm in an accident. *The* accident took place last year.



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Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the'.



1. Uma bought *an* umbrella. *The* umbrella had a broken handle.
2. I had *An* omelette for breakfast but *the* omelette tasted bitter.

3. *An* old man came to my office. *The* man had *a* black eye patch.
4. *A* motor car just passed by. *The* motor car had stars engraved on it.
5. *A* fly sat on *a* picture. *The* fly is *an* insect.

II. Use 'the' in the blank spaces, wherever required. Where 'the' is not required, put an X.

1. Do you not remember *the* name of the movie you saw last week?
2. Every day I go to *the* school by *—* bus.
3. My mother is at *—* home now. When I come from school, she serves me my *—* lunch.
4. His mother is *a* teacher you spoke to.
5. At *the* back of my house there is *—* a restaurant. *The* restaurant plays *a* loud music.
6. I saw *an* Englishman riding on *an* elephant.
7. English is *a* language of *the* people of *—* England.
8. *The* lion is *the* king of *the* beasts.
9. French is *a* language of France.
10. *An* uncle of mine works in *an* office.
11. I saw *an* old man sitting by *the* roadside.

III. Insert 'a', 'an' or 'the' in the following story wherever necessary.

Once a donkey found a lion's skin. He put it on, and proudly ran through the jungle. When *the* animals saw him, they ran away in fear, as fast as they could. They all thought that *the* donkey was *a* real lion. One day *the* donkey met *a* fox. *The* fox was also afraid and ran away. *The* donkey was so pleased that he could not keep quiet. He threw his head back and began to bray. As soon as *the* fox heard it brays, he came back running. All animals now found out that he was not a lion, but *a* donkey in lion's skin. *The* donkey ran away to save his life.



Fill in the blank spaces with *a* or *an* or *the*, as may be suitable:

1. He looks as stupid as owl.
2. peacock is national bird of India.
3. The guide knows way.
4. Honest men speak truth.
5. Copper is useful metal.
6. He is honour to his country.
7. The children found egg in the nest.
8. French is easy language.
9. sun shines brightly.
0. English is language of people of England.
1. He is untidy boy.
12. I have come without umbrella.
13. lion is king of beasts.
14. Sri Lanka is island.
15. Varanasi is holy city.
16. Aladdin had wonderful lamp.
17. He returned after hour.
18. school will shortly close for Diwali holidays.
19. When did you buy calculator?
20. I first met him year ago.
21. Ganga is sacred river.
22. Which is longest river in India ?



Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the' wherever require

1. You are late by hour.
2. Do kind deed everyday.
3. We have arrived at agreement.
4. aeroplane flies in sky.
5. She was buying old book.
6. Stand below peepal tree and pray.
7. rose is a beautiful flower.
8. Alps are located in Europe.
9. Chennai has university well known.
10. milk is white in colour.
11. Delhi is big city.
12. When does next bus leave.
13. We like to live inopen house.
14. Today is hottest day of the year.
15. Rama has one-rupee note.

Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the'. If no word is needed, write

1. The sun is shining now.
2. I am playing with a toy.
3. Mr. Brown is a Englishman.
4. Jenny plays the violin every afternoon.
5. The children are swimming in the sea.
6. David and John are playing the football.
7. Mother is looking for a black jacket.
8. My brother likes to listen to the radio.
9. Mary goes to the bed at ten o'clock.
10. There is a aeroplane in the sky.
11. It is raining outside. Please bring a umbrella.
12. There is a lot of a money in his pocket.
13. He drinks a cup of a coffee every day.
14. We don't go to a school on the Sundays.
15. I can see a egg and a orange on the table.