



How many articles are there in the English language?
There are three articles in the English Language.

Are indefinite articles $\underline{a /}$ an used when we speak about one thing from many? Yes.
Is definite article the used to say about one thing/ things we know? Yes.
How do we use articles a/ an?
A ball. An apple.


## Practice

## a/ an = one

_____ animal
house
umbrella
$\ldots \_$window
___ question
___ wild animal
___ old house
___ new umbrella open window difficult question

| Mind | - hour [auə] |
| ---: | :--- |
|  | - university [ju] |
|  | - European country [j] |

a/ an with jobs



Unit 59. Exercises

## Singular and Plural

## a picture an owl an apple

Spelling
-es after -s/ -sh/ - ch/ -x/ -o buses, dishes, churches, boxes, tomatoes
$-y \rightarrow$-ies babies, parties BUT days, boys, monkeys
-f/ -fe $\rightarrow$-ves wife - wives, knife - knives, shelf - shelves
Reading
[s] - cups, books

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text {-s/ -es } & {[z] \text { - plans, toys }} \\
& {[i z] \text { - trousers, dishes }}
\end{array}
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## Singular and Plural

These things are always plural in English:

scissors

socks

shorts

tights

jeans

trousers

glasses

pyjamas

Do you wear glasses?
I need the scissors. Where are they?
I need a new pair of jeans./
I need some new jeans.

## Singular and Plural

a man - two men
a woman - some women
a child - many children
one foot - two feet
a tooth - all my teeth
a mouse - some mice
a goose - three geese
a fish - a lot of fish
a sheep - many sheep

a person - two people - some people - many people

She's $\underline{a}$ nice person. They are nice people. Some people are always late.

The police are coming. The government want to reduce taxes.
Unit 60. Exercises


## Articles



Indefinite articles
= one (any)
definite article
= this one/
these ones


## Fill in the gaps with a or an.



## Answer key

112 a, 3 an, 4 a, 5 a, 6 an, 7 a, 8 an, 9 an, 10 a.

## Write the plural.

| 1 orange | ...oranges... | 9 | tall man |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 baby |  | 10 | roof |  |
| 3 watch | ................. | 11 | radio |  |
| 4 tomato | ................ | 12 | fast car |  |
| 5 chair |  | 13 | life |  |
| 6 key |  | 14 | party |  |
| 7 knife |  | 15 | beautiful | day |
| 8 foot |  | 16 | class |  |

## Answer key

12 babies, 3 watches, 4 tomatoes, 5 chairs, 6 keys, 7 knives, 8 feet, 9 tall men, 10 roofs, 11 radios, 12 fast cars, 13 lives, 14 parties, 15 beautiful days, 16 classes.

First, say the words in the plural, then, write them in the correct box.
basket, bush, ferry, cage, key, myth, bus, flower, desk, church, apple, dolphin, chair, hat, baby, dress, skirt, cherry, fox, bag, clock, piano, onion, bird, ball, cliff, box, radio, shirt, rose, dish, roof, song
/s/ baskets,
/Iz/ bushes,
/z/ ferries,


## Answer key

$2 / \mathbf{s} /:$ myths, desks, hats, skirts, clocks, cliffs, shirts, roofs; / lz /: cages, buses, churches, dresses, foxes, boxes, roses, dishes; / z /: keys, flowers, apples, dolphins, chairs, babies, cherries, bags, pianos, onions, birds, balls, radios, songs.

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## Put the words in brackets into the plural where necessary.

A A: Did you go shopping on Saturday?
B: Yes, I did. I bought lots of things.
A: What did you buy?
B : I bought two (1) ...scarves... (scarf) and three (2) .............................. (T-shirt).

A: Did you buy anything else?
B: Yes. I went to a lovely shop and bought six (3) ................................. (cup) and four crystal (4) .................................... (glass).

A: Gosh! You really bought lots of things!
B: And I also bought two silver (5) (candlestick) for my aunt.

B A: I went to the zoo yesterday.
B: Really? Which animals did you see?
A: Well, first I saw a (1) ................... (lion), and then I saw two (2) ............................ (giraffe).
B: Is that all?
A: No. I also saw three (3) $\qquad$ (deer) and two (4) $\qquad$ (rhino).
B: Did you go to the monkey house?
A: Yes, and there were three (5) (monkey) there. It was a great day.

## Answer key

3 A 2 T-shirts, 3 cups, 4 glasses, 5 candlesticks; B 1 lion, 2 giraffes, 3 deer, 4 rhinos, 5 monkeys.

