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Class - II

Subject - English Language

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Lesson - 4, A, An, The

A, An, The are called Articles.

The English alphabet has twenty-six letters

They are -

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p
q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x
			y	z			

These alphabets are divided into two groups
They are -

1. Vowels - a, e, i, o, u

2. Consonants - b, c, d, f, g, h,
j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v,
w, x, y & z

A word may begin with a vowel or with a consonant. Usually a vowel produces a vowel sound and a consonant produces consonant sound.

There is difference between vowel letter and vowel sound.

For example -

1. The word 'hour' - we say hour, we pronounce hour as 'our'. The letter 'h' of 'hour' is silent.

Therefore we write 'an' before hour as it begins with vowel sound 'a'.

Similarly we say an honest girl. We pronounce 'honest' as 'onest'. The letter 'h' is silent in the word 'honest'. Therefore we write 'an' before the word 'honest'.

Next word is 'uniform'. We pronounce it as 'yuniform'. We therefore write 'a' before 'uniform' as it begins with a consonant sound 'yu'.

(Though it has a vowel in the beginning)

Similarly, we say a European (Pronounced as yuropean), a university (Pronounced as yuniversity), a one rupee coin (one pronounced as won) etc.

→ When a noun is uncountable like water, milk, steel etc 'a' or 'an' is not needed.

→ When there is a plural noun, 'a' or 'an' is not needed. For example boys, uncles etc.

'My Grammar Time - 2'

Exercise A, B and C will be done in the class.

In English Language Notebook.

I Fill in the blanks with a or an

1. a flower
2. an aeroplane
3. a uniform
4. a hat
5. a pen
6. an umbrella
7. a glass
8. a parrot

9. an ant
10. an apple

II Fill in the blanks with a or an

1. He is an old man.
2. There is an insect in the water.
3. I saw a man riding a horse.
4. She took a box of chocolate for her mother.
5. The soldier lost an eye in the accident.
6. I saw an eagle flying very high.
7. My father gave me a golden watch.
8. He left this place an hour ago.
9. There is a tree behind my house.
10. There is a jug full of water.

Answers of 'My Grammar Time' exercises

Ex A Page No: 19.

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| 1. a | 5 an | 9 a | 13 a |
| 2. a | 6 an | 10 a | 14. an - - a |
| 3. an | 7 an | 11 an | |
| 4 an | 8 a | 12 an | |

Ex B Page No. - 20

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| 1. the | 3 A | 5 the | 7 a |
| 2. an | 4 a | 6 an | 8 the |

Ex C Page No - 21

1. Mom is opening a jar of jam.
2. The parrot is eating an apple.
3. The girls stood in a line.
4. My father reads the Bible every morning.
5. The king wears a golden crown.
6. A tiger is an animal.
7. Let me tell you a story.
8. Ali has the fastest toy car.
9. Mary had a little lamb.
10. Do you have the key to open this lock?

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