CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.









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Use **an** before any word that sounds like it starts with a vowel sound.

An <b>a</b> nt	An <b>e</b> lephant	An <b>o</b> tter	An injury
An <b>e</b> agle	An <b>u</b> mbrella	An <b>h</b> our	An <b>u</b> mpire

**Example:** For my birthday my parents gave me **an owl**.

You Try: At the store I will buy an \_\_\_\_\_.

You Try: The zoo is a great place to see an \_\_\_\_\_

You Try: For lunch I sat down and ate an \_\_\_\_\_

You Try: At the party I received an \_\_\_\_\_.

Use **a** before any word that <u>sounds</u> like it starts with a consonant sound. (A consonant is any letter that is not a vowel.)

A <b>h</b> amburger	A <b>r</b> obot	A <b>b</b> ook	A <b>c</b> ookie
A foot	A <b>g</b> oose	A <b>k</b> ite	A <b>u</b> nicorn

Remember "Y" is not considered a vowel, in this word the U is making the same sound as a "Y"

Example: At the pool I made sure to bring a towel.

You Try: During class I asked to borrow a \_\_\_\_\_

You Try: If you play in snow you should wear	α_
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You	Try: At the	pet store	I bought a	·
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You T	ry:	Yesterday we needed to buy a	

Directions: Mark if each sentence uses "a" or "an" correctly.

Ex) For breakfast she ate an delicious blueberry pancake. Right - Wrong

1) The walk we took was a totally unforgettable experience. Right - Wrong

2) I usually listen to an few different songs while I do homework. Right - Wrong

3) She spent an extremely long time on wrapping the gift. Right - Wrong

4) We will spend an weekend at the campsite that we found. Right - Wrong

- 5) If you aren't a strong swimmer make sure to wear an life jacket. Right - Wrong
- 6) The computer started making a strange sound last night.

## Right - Wrong

- 7) It is my brother's dream to one day become **an** doctor in a big city. Right - Wrong
- 8) I want to know who thought it would be fun to buy a pet giraffe. Right - Wrong
- 9) I knew it was an mistake to give my television a bath to clean it.

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10) The teacher asked all the students to sit down a desk to study.

# Right - Wrong

11) We are going to need **an** bigger car to fit all of these squirrels. Right - Wrong

12) They said they had a very fun time at our house yesterday. Right - Wrong

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#### Directions: Circle the correct word to complete the sentences.

- **Ex**) After school I ate((a))(an) delicious bag of carrots.
- 1.) Could you please deliver (a) (an) big bag of cones tomorrow?
- 2.) We need you to be (a) (an) focused student next year.
- 3.) My parent waited for (a) (an) official letter from the principal.
- 4.) I've always wanted (a) (an) alligator for a pet.
- 5.) I'm afraid that there's (a) (an) evil butterfly living in my yard.
- 6.) Before you cross the street always check if (a) (an) car is coming.
- 7.) If you want (a) (an) good grade you should study for the test.
- 8.) If you want (a) (an) awful grade you should eat the test papers.
- 9.) Last night I made sure to leave (a) (an) light on in the hallway.
- 10.) For dinner we decided to order (a) (an) pizza.
- 11.) The team found (a) (an) stinky sock in the locker.
- 12.) Our homework asked us to write (a) (an) entire story about soap.

**Directions:** Please write a paragraph about a day at the zoo. Please use "**a**" **3** times correctly and use "**an**" **2** times correctly.

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