

Adjectives Can Change Articles

Name: _____

When a noun begins with a vowel, the correct article to use with it is **an**.
When a noun begins with a consonant, the correct article to use with it is **a**.
However, adding an adjective in front of the noun can change the article.
If the adjective begins with a vowel, the article should be **an**. If the adjective begins with a consonant, the article should be **a**. Let's look at an example:
An elephant becomes **A large elephant**, because the article is based on the adjective, which begins with a consonant.



Read each adjective and noun pair below. Write "a" or "an" on the line.

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| 1. clean shirt | _____ a _____ | 17. calm lake | _____ |
| 2. small girl | _____ | 18. fierce wind | _____ |
| 3. empty dish | _____ | 19. angry voice | _____ |

_____ was heavy.
_____ by the zoo is enormous.
_____ ed at her grandmother.
_____ s donated to the museum.
_____ ed to make bread.

14. THE DEADLOCK FOR THE LIFE
15. The elephant purchased
16. The adorable toddler sm
17. The valuable sculpture v
18. The brown banana was

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