

## 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   | _____ |
| 4. adorable puppy    | _____         | 20. jealous boy   | _____ |
| 5. silly face        | _____         | 21. young baby    | _____ |
| 6. smelly perfume    | _____         | 22. icy road      | _____ |
| 7. funny joke        | _____         | 23. old woman     | _____ |
| 8. emotional movie   | _____         | 24. fast car      | _____ |
| 9. wet towel         | _____         | 25. difficult job | _____ |
| 10. easy problem     | _____         | 26. foggy window  | _____ |
| 11. interesting book | _____         | 27. eager child   | _____ |
| 12. good friend      | _____         | 28. wicked wolf   | _____ |
| 13. hungry man       | _____         | 29. crazy person  | _____ |
| 14. gray cloud       | _____         | 30. big event     | _____ |
| 15. hot sun          | _____         | 31. open door     | _____ |
| 16. early morning    | _____         | 32. sad story     | _____ |