

Monday 15th June 2020

Grammar

Hi Yachts!

Let's start with a spelling challenge – can you figure out the missing letters to make one of your spelling words?

e_tr_m_ g_ou_ _uard _eigh_

Using **a** or **an**

Remember that we use **a** or **an** before a **singular noun** (when there is only one object). If the noun starts with a **consonant** sound we use **a** before it (example: **a** lion) and if the noun starts with a **vowel sound**, we use **an** before it (example: **an** elephant). Remember that it's the first sound in the noun that you must think about, not how the noun is spelt.

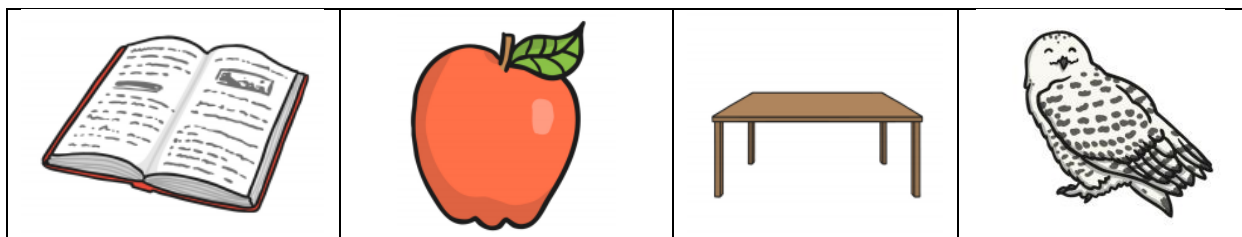
Popcorn Game

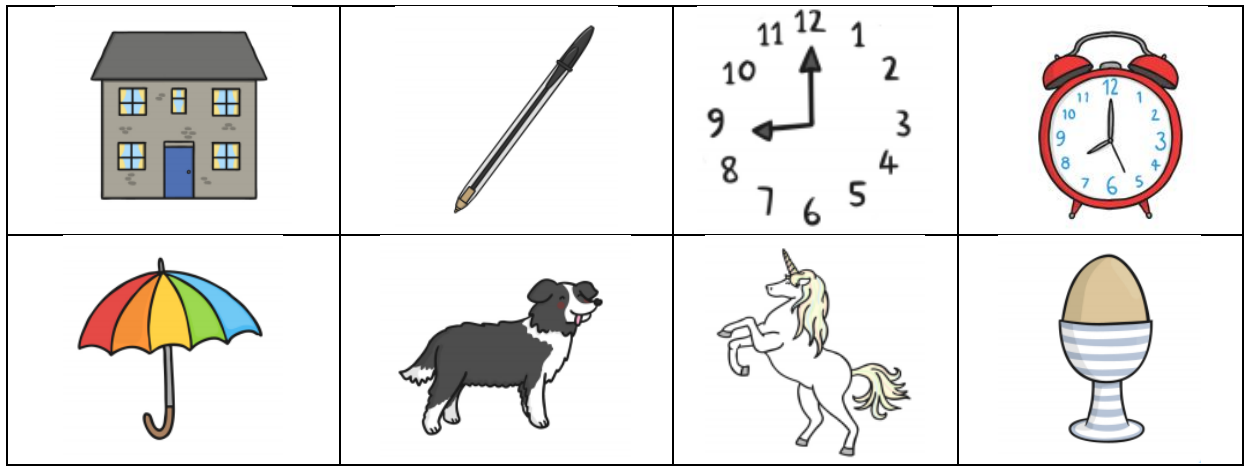
Say the words below out loud one at a time. If the word starts with a **consonant sound**, curl up into a ball like unpopped corn and whisper, "**a**". If the word starts with a **vowel sound**, jump up in the air like a piece of corn popping and whisper, "**an**".

octopus	plant	umbrella	unicorn	milkshake	snake
chocolate	ant	book	coat	orange	watch

Sort the Nouns

Cut out the noun pictures below and sort them in the **a** or **an** circle (if you can't cut them out, just point at each one and say whether it should have **a** or **an** in front of it). Which ones were tricky and why? Once you have done that, write five of your own nouns in the **a** side and five in the **an** side.





A

An

Challenge

Sort these **conjunctions** into **time** or **cause** – think about what information the **conjunction** is giving you. Then add at least two of your own **time conjunctions** and two of your own **cause conjunctions**.

hence	after	yet	so that	whenever
now that	even though	therefore	during	

Time Conjunctions

Cause Conjunctions

Write down six simple sentences in the past tense (simple sentences do not contain a conjunction). *Example:* I ate too many ice creams.

Once you have done that, think about whether any two of your sentences could be joined with a **time** or **cause conjunction** to make one compound sentence. Which **conjunction** works best and why? Why is it good to use time and cause conjunctions in our writing (think about how it affects the reader)?
