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A

use before singular nouns that begin with **consonant** sounds.

example: A **c**up, A **z**ebra

An

use before singular nouns that begin with **vowel** sounds.

example: An **a**pple, An **o**ctopus

The

second mention or already known,

example: The dress we saw yesterday is now on sale.

there is only one thing,

example: the sky

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Answer Key

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