

My name is:

an or just an **a** by itself? Which one do you use?

an comes before a **vowel**
a comes before a **consonant**

(**Vowels** are a, e, i, o and u)
(**Consonants** are any letters in the alphabet that are not vowels!)

Example:

an elephant

a table

There is an exception for words starting with a “u” that sound like “YOO” (universe) instead of “UH” (umbrella).

Example:

a universe (Do you hear the “yoo” sound in the front? That means we have to put an **a** in front of it. It “breaks” the rules.)

an unlucky event (Here there is just the regular “short” u with the “uh” sound... so we use **an** in front.)

Now you put the correct word (either a or an) in front of the words! Color the beginning letter red if it's a vowel or blue if it's a consonant to help you decide. Be on the watch for those tricky u's!

_____ **d**og

_____ **k**itten

_____ **i**gloo

_____ **i**cicle

_____ **a**pple

_____ **i**cky monster

_____ e xperiment

_____ j olly old elf

_____ g irl

_____ b ook

_____ b oy

_____ e gg

_____ a stronaut

_____ U niverse

_____ p lanet

_____ U gly duckling

_____ l unar lander

_____ a nimal

_____ o il spill

_____ e xciting story

_____ o ctopus

_____ a crobat

_____ U nfortunate event

_____ i ce cream

_____ U sual kind of day

_____ f reckle on your nose

_____ l oose tooth

_____ S illy song

Make up a few of your own now!
