

1 You use a with singular nouns. Put a in front of the singular nouns in this list:

_____ week _____ book _____ person _____ tables
 _____ sports _____ people _____ tomato _____ cup
 _____ dog _____ house _____ parents _____ children

2 You use a with count nouns, not uncount nouns. Put a in front of the singular count nouns in this list:

_____ box _____ work _____ job _____ news
 _____ banana _____ honey _____ traffic _____ holiday
 _____ teacher _____ hat _____ water _____ furniture

3 You use an with words that begin with a, e, i, o, u. Put an where necessary:

_____ elephant _____ apple _____ cat _____ aunt
 _____ beach _____ test _____ opinion _____ idiot

4 You also use an in front of words that begin with h if the h is silent:

an hour a hospital an honour a hope an honest man

5 You use a in front of words that begin with eu or u if the first sound is pronounced /ju:/. Compare:

a European country a university an ugly face

6 You use a/an when you are talking about a person or thing for the first time:

There is a man at the door. (=I don't know which man)

I need to buy a new shirt. (=not one specific shirt)

7 You use a/an to talk about jobs:

My father is an engineer now, but he was a soldier before.

I worked as a secretary last summer. This year I want to be a shop assistant.

8 You use a/an = one with some numbers:

a hundred pounds half a kilo a few a million people

a litre of wine an hour a lot a thousand times

9 You use some with plural nouns and uncount nouns to talk about more than one object, if the number isn't important:

I want some apples, some wine, some potatoes and two oranges.



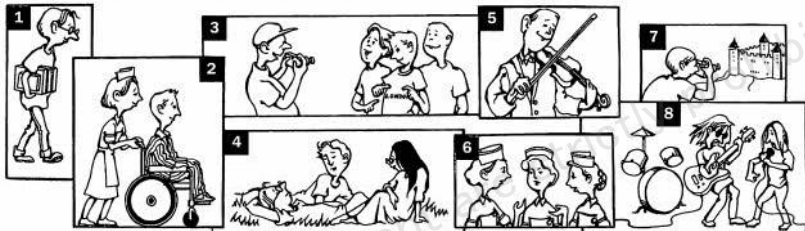
Some friends gave me some information about good hotels.

A Match the two parts of these sentences:

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| 1 I've been waiting for you for | a hundred people. |
| 2 This car can do 140 miles | half an hour. |
| 3 Those apples cost 50 p | a few times. |
| 4 We're having a party for about | a lot to do. |
| 5 Sue has been to Germany | a month. |
| 6 We're very busy in the office. There's | a kilo. |
| 7 We normally go to the cinema once | an hour. |

B Look at the pictures. Who can you see? Complete the sentences using these words:

a student a nurse a tourist a musician students nurses tourists singers



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| 1 He looks like _____. | 5 He's _____. |
| 2 I think she is _____. | 6 They are _____. |
| 3 They look like _____. | 7 She is _____. |
| 4 I think they are _____. | 8 They are _____. |

C Look at the pictures, then make complete sentences using a/an or some and the words given, e.g.

There – telephone – living room. *There's a telephone in the living room.*

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| 1 There – small table – kitchen. | 5 There – tv – living room. |
| 2 There – lot of pictures – living room. | 6 There – plants – both rooms. |
| 3 There – flowers – living room. | 7 There – guitar – living room. |
| 4 There – lamp – corner of the living room. | 8 There – people – living room. |

