13.7 A vs An: 30-minute Pack

about 30 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 Write a short paragraph of three or four sentences about a day trip of your own choosing (real or imagined). Use at least one a and at least one an correctly, and include at least one tricky exception (a silent h word, a 'yoo' sound word, or an initialism such as UFO or MP).

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2 Some short words made from initial letters (like UFO) are said as separate letters. Circle the correct word, a or an, by listening to how the first letter is said out loud, not how it is spelled.

(a) There have been three sightings of ___ UFO above the town this month. **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

(b) ___ MP visited our school to talk about the environment. **(1)**

- ☐ A
- ☐ An

(c) The sailors sent ___ SOS message before the storm grew worse. **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

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3 Fill each gap with a or an. Each sentence also uses a conjunction to join its ideas.

(a) Although it was only ___ short walk, the puppy was exhausted. **(1)**

(b) Priya took ___ umbrella because the sky looked grey. **(1)**

(c) When ___ enormous wave crashed over the rocks, everyone jumped back. **(1)**

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4 Each sentence below has one article mistake. Find the mistake and write the sentence out correctly.

(a) I saw a owl in the garden last night. **(1)**

(b) She gave me an banana from the fruit bowl. **(1)**

(c) He is studying to become an nurse. **(1)**

(d) It took a hour to finish the puzzle. **(1)**

(e) They live in an small flat above the shop. **(1)**

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5 The paragraph below contains five article mistakes (some sentences have no mistake at all). Find and correct all five.

Last Friday, Class 3 went on a trip to an wildlife park. As soon as they arrived, Jack spotted a owl sitting silently in a tree. Later, the group watched a zookeeper feed an baby giraffe some leaves. Everyone laughed when a excitable monkey stole a hat from a visitor's head, and an loud parrot squawked nearby. By the end of the day, the children agreed it had been an unforgettable adventure.

(5)

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6 Write your own sentence for each word below, using a or an correctly.

Word bank: astronaut | unicorn | hour | umbrella

(a) astronaut **(1)**

(b) unicorn **(1)**

(c) hour **(1)**

(d) umbrella **(1)**

7 In each word below, the letter h is silent, so the word begins with a vowel sound. Circle the correct word, a or an, for each one.

(a) ___ hour **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

(b) ___ honest answer **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

(c) ___ honour **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

(d) ___ heir to the throne **(1)**

- ☐ a
- ☐ an

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8 Complete the table below. Tick the correct column for each word to show whether it should be used with a or an. Some words are straightforward; some are the tricky exceptions from earlier in this pack.

Word	a	an
dog		
elephant		
umbrella		
university		
hour		
tiger		
UFO		
ant		

(8)

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9 Remember: a or an agrees with the very next word, whatever that word is. Fill each gap, then look carefully at which word the article is actually sitting next to.

(a) Explorers discovered ___ ancient temple hidden in the jungle. **(1)**

(b) She found ___ tiny insect crawling on the branch. **(1)**

(c) He wore ___ old, torn hat during the storm. **(1)**

(d) They built ___ huge, wobbly den from fallen branches. **(1)**

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10 Fill each numbered gap in the passage below with a or an.

On Monday, Year 3 visited (1) ___ old Roman museum in the city centre. Inside, they saw (2) ___ enormous shield, (3) ___ rusty coin and (4) ___ iron sword behind the glass. The guide explained that (5) ___ Roman soldier would have carried (6) ___ heavy pack on long marches.

(6)

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Question 1

a used correctly at least once	B1
an used correctly at least once	B1
at least one tricky exception (e.g. hour, honest, university, unicorn, UFO, MP) used with the correct article	B1
writing forms three or four sentences that connect together to make sense as a short paragraph	B1

Answer: **e.g. Last summer we went on an amazing trip to a science museum. It took almost an hour to get there by coach. Inside, an astronaut gave a talk about life in space. It was a brilliant day out.**

Question 2

(a) a circled cao	B1
(a) Answer: **a UFO**	
(b) An circled cao	B1
(b) Answer: **An MP**	
(c) an circled cao	B1
(c) Answer: **an SOS message**	

Question 3

(a) a cao	B1
(a) Answer: **a short walk**	
(b) an cao	B1
(b) Answer: **an umbrella**	
(c) an cao	B1
(c) Answer: **an enormous wave**	

Question 4

(a) a changed to an owl cao	B1
(a) Answer: **I saw an owl in the garden last night.**	
(b) an changed to a banana cao	B1
(b) Answer: **She gave me a banana from the fruit bowl.**	
(c) an changed to a nurse cao	B1
(c) Answer: **He is studying to become a nurse.**	
(d) a changed to an hour cao	B1
(d) Answer: **It took an hour to finish the puzzle.**	
(e) an changed to a small flat cao	B1
(e) Answer: **They live in a small flat above the shop.**	

Question 5

an wildlife park changed to a wildlife park cao	B1
a owl changed to an owl cao	B1
an baby giraffe changed to a baby giraffe cao	B1
a excitable monkey changed to an excitable monkey cao	B1
an loud parrot changed to a loud parrot cao	B1

Answer: **Last Friday, Class 3 went on a trip to a wildlife park. As soon as they arrived, Jack spotted an owl sitting silently in a tree. Later, the group watched a zookeeper feed a baby giraffe some leaves. Everyone laughed when an excitable monkey stole a hat from a visitor's head, and a loud parrot squawked nearby. By the end of the day, the children agreed it had been an unforgettable adventure.**

Question 6

(a) sentence makes sense and uses an astronaut correctly (oe)	B1
(a) Answer: **an astronaut (e.g. An astronaut trained for months before the launch.)**	
(b) sentence makes sense and uses a unicorn correctly (oe)	B1
(b) Answer: **a unicorn (e.g. The story described a unicorn with a silver horn.)**	
(c) sentence makes sense and uses an hour correctly (oe)	B1
(c) Answer: **an hour (e.g. We waited for an hour outside the museum.)**	
(d) sentence makes sense and uses an umbrella correctly (oe)	B1
(d) Answer: **an umbrella (e.g. She held an umbrella over her little brother.)**	

Question 7

(a) an circled cao	B1
(a) Answer: **an hour**	
(b) an circled cao	B1
(b) Answer: **an honest answer**	
(c) an circled cao	B1
(c) Answer: **an honour**	
(d) an circled cao	B1
(d) Answer: **an heir to the throne**	

Question 8

dog: a ticked cao	B1
elephant: an ticked cao	B1
umbrella: an ticked cao	B1
university: a ticked cao	B1
hour: an ticked cao	B1
tiger: a ticked cao	B1
UFO: a ticked cao	B1
ant: an ticked cao	B1

Answer: **a dog; an elephant; an umbrella; a university; an hour; a tiger; a UFO; an ant**

Question 9

(a) an cao	B1
(a) Answer: **an ancient temple**	
(b) a cao	B1
(b) Answer: **a tiny insect**	
(c) an cao	B1
(c) Answer: **an old, torn hat**	
(d) a cao	B1
(d) Answer: **a huge, wobbly den**	

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Question 10

(1) an cao	**B1**
(2) an cao	**B1**
(3) a cao	**B1**
(4) an cao	**B1**
(5) a cao	**B1**
(6) a cao	**B1**

Answer: **(1) an (2) an (3) a (4) an (5) a (6) a**

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