

### Grammar Explanation

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#### When to use *a/an* or no article

- The indefinite article has two forms: *a* and *an*. Use *an* only when the first word of a noun or noun phrase begins with a vowel sound (e.g., *an idea, an hour*).
- Use the indefinite article (*a* or *an*) with singular nouns that do not refer to someone or something specific.
  - Example: *Culture plays **an important role** in shaping **a person**.*
- Do not use the indefinite article (*a* or *an*) before non-count or plural nouns.
  - Incorrect: *I researched **an information** about sugar consumption's effects on **a children**.*
  - Corrected: *I researched **information** about sugar consumption's effects on **children**.*

(For additional information, see the handout: **Count and non-count nouns.**)

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