

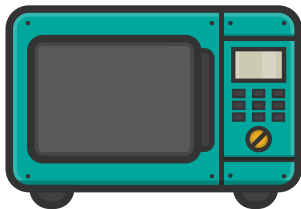
Indefinite Articles

An **indefinite article** tells us that you are referring to one non-specific item.

In most languages, indefinite articles depend on whether a noun is masculine or feminine, but in English we don't have masculine or feminine nouns, so we need a different rule to tell us which indefinite article to use.

There are two main indefinite articles in English: **a** and **an**.

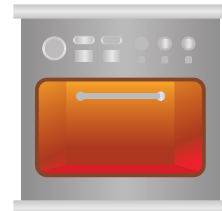
We use "a" when the following word starts with a consonant



a microwave

Starts with M (consonant)

We use "an" when the following word starts with a vowel



an oven

Starts with O (vowel)

But there are a few exceptions to these rules. For example: **a university, an hour**. Take our INDEFINITE ARTICLES course to learn all about them.