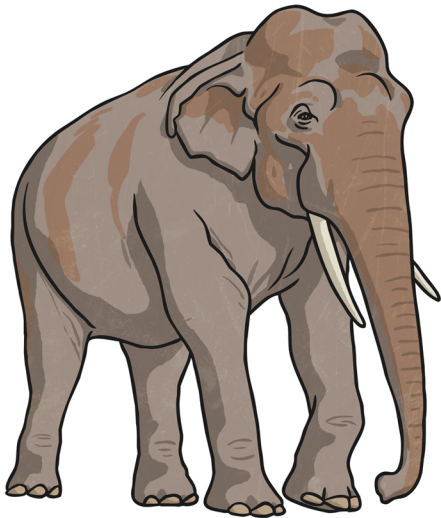


An or A

Did you know that we use 'an' before a word that starts with a vowel sound?

an elephant



an umbrella



The word 'hour' does not start with a vowel (a, e, i, o or u) but it does start with a vowel sound.

It is an hour because the 'h' is silent. Tricky!

Look at the examples below to see whether they need 'an' or 'a'.

an

an earthquake

an octopus



an idea

an excuse

an hour - this has an 'ou' sound

a

a game

a monkey

a ball

a hat



a unicorn – this has a 'y' sound