

Day 63



## Year 3 Grammar: 'a' or 'an'

Most of the time, we add 'a' before words that start with consonants and 'an' before words that start with a vowel. However, which would you use in this sentence?

The boy had **a / an** unique talent.

In this sentence the article used should be 'a' as the 'u' in unique is making the consonant sound /y/. If the first letter of a word makes a consonant sound, you place 'a' before it but, if the first letter of a word makes a vowel sound, you place 'an' before the word.

Have a go at the sentences below. Should it be '**a**' or '**an**'? Circle the correct answer

1. I arrived **a / an** hour early for the party.
2. The story took place in **a / an** universe far from ours.
3. The police officer wore **a / an** uniform.
4. In the magical forest, Betty saw **a / an** unicorn.
5. Pinocchio wasn't always **a / an** honest boy.
6. On holiday, we needed **a / an** universal adaptor for the plug.
7. They were looking for **a / an** heir to the throne.

Complete the GPaS activities in your books- the answers are on the next slide.

page 5. Tricky Words.

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# Handwriting

a b c d e f g h i j  
k l m n o p q r s t  
u v w x y z

height

history

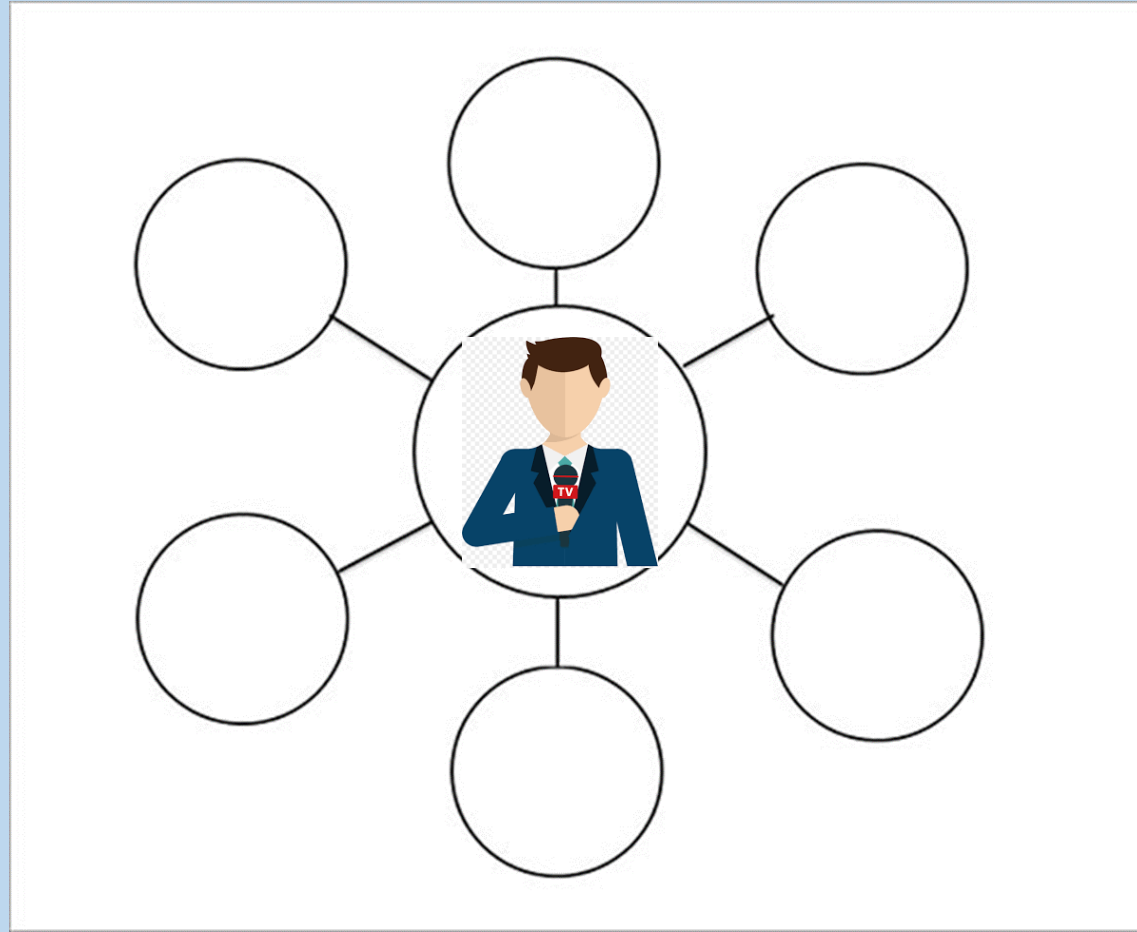
imagine

increase

important



**Imagine you are a news reporter going to investigate reports of a strange crab collecting/stealing ships. Complete the bubble map to describe your thoughts and feelings as you set off to investigate.....**



Using your ideas from the bubble map, write a short paragraph describing your journey to find the crab. How do you get there? What do you see first? How do you feel? Are you going under the water too? Aim for at least eight sentences. Remember to include the descriptive devices that you know e.g. adjectives, similes, metaphors and parenthesis.



## Adjectives

| People       | Objects     | Comfortable feelings | Uncomfortable feelings | Size      | Time    |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------|
| adorable     | bright      | brave                | angry                  | big       | ancient |
| adventurous  | clear       | calm                 | annoyed                | colossal  | brief   |
| aggressive   | distinct    | cheerful             | anxious                | enormous  | early   |
| annoying     | drab        | comfortable          | ashamed                | gigantic  | fast    |
| beautiful    | elegant     | courageous           | awful                  | great     | late    |
| caring       | filthy      | determined           | bewildered             | huge      | modern  |
| confident    | gleaming    | eager                | bored                  | immense   | old     |
| clumsy       | grotesque   | elated               | confused               | large     | quick   |
| confident    | long        | encouraged           | defeated               | little    | rapid   |
| considerate  | magnificent | energetic            | defiant                | long      | short   |
| excitable    | precious    | excited              | depressed              | mammoth   | slow    |
| glamorous    | sparkling   | exuberant            | disgusted              | massive   | swift   |
| grumpy       | spotless    | fantastic            | disturbed              | meagre    | young   |
| happy        | strange     | fine                 | dizzy                  | mighty    |         |
| helpful      | unsightly   | healthy              | embarrassed            | miniature |         |
| important    | unusual     | joyful               | envious                | minuscule |         |
| intimidating | valuable    | pleasant             | frightened             | petite    |         |
| obnoxious    |             | relieved             | hungry                 | puny      |         |
| odd          |             |                      | lonely                 | short     |         |
| talented     |             |                      | scared                 | tall      |         |
| thoughtless  |             |                      | terrified              | teeny     |         |
| timid        |             |                      | worried                | tiny      |         |
| handsome     |             |                      |                        |           |         |



What might the crab say to you if he could speak?

