Article Word Sorts

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Use these simple sorts to help learners practice when to use the article *a* or *an* before a word.

As explained <u>in my blog post</u>, the article *a* comes before words that start with a consonant SOUND while the article *an* comes before words that begin with a vowel SOUND.



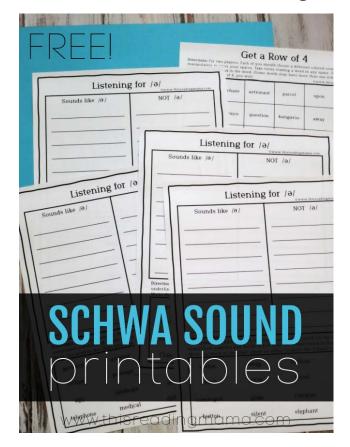
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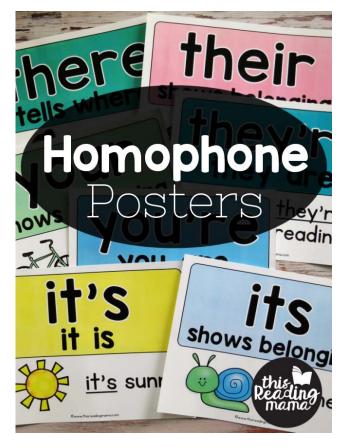
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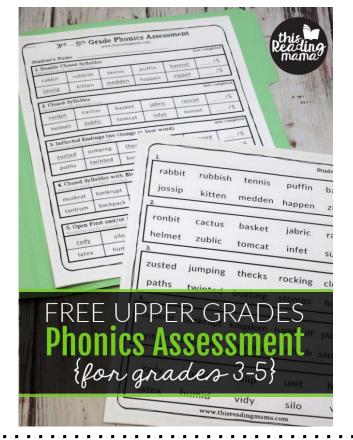
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ax	tent	edge	one
duck	orange	lamp	ant
arch	net	itch	glass
old man	flag	jug	egg
bird	OX	apple	plant
lock	herb	map	ice cube

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cupcake	noodles	hour	otter
honor	jacket	upset teacher	key
panda	zipper	owl	itchy rash
yogurt	acorn	union	insect
error	puppy	balloon	under- water camera

Articles a and an

Pick six words from the word sort, <u>three</u> that need *a* and <u>three</u> that need *an*. Write a sentence using the word with the proper article before it (*a* or *an*). Underline the article and the word that follows it in each sentence.

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ANSWER KEY

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lamp	one	edge	ах
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