

Year 3 Writing

Lesson 3

LO: To use a/an correctly.

The Twits by Roald Dahl <http://www.stonehome.net.au/4red/TwitsHTML/index.htm> .

Read chapter 25: **The Furniture Goes Up**



You need to be able to use **a/an** correctly in your writing.

The rule is simple. If the next word begins with a vowel (**a, e, i, o, u**) you must use **an**.

If the next word begins with a consonant (any other letter) you must use **a**.

Example: **an** egg

a bicycle

e is a vowel

b is a consonant

Task.

Complete the table with **a** or **an** (two have been done to show you).

a beautiful bird	gruesome bird pie	dead tree
an unkind trick	awful woman	disgusting man
upside down trick	open cage	ugly house
excellent plan	trap	excited monkey

Choose at least 6 words to use in sentences with the correct form of **a** or **an**.

Example

The Roly-Poly was **a** beautiful bird with bright feathers trailing behind him.



Success Criteria:

1. Use **a** if the next word begins with a consonant.
2. Use **an** if the next word begins with a vowel.
3. Make sure there are at least two ideas in each sentence joined with a conjunction.
4. Every sentence needs to start differently and use powerful language.

Extra challenge (optional):

Try to include the 'power of three' to describe, and a colon to introduce a list.

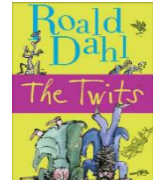


Steppingstone activity

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Make sure you have shared chapter 25: **The Furniture Goes Up**

Task:

Copy the words to help you use **a** or **an** correctly.

a brave monkey	a pot of glue	a clever trick
an open cage	an ugly house	an evil man

Choose some of these words to use a or an correctly in sentences.

Try to do at least 3 sentences.

Example

Muggle-Wump is **a** brave monkey who is kept in a cage.



Success Criteria:

1. Copy the table of words with a and an before them.
2. Choose some of the words to write in sentences.
3. Make sure you write a or an correctly.
4. You can draw pictures.

Extra Challenge:

Include more than one piece of information in each sentence.

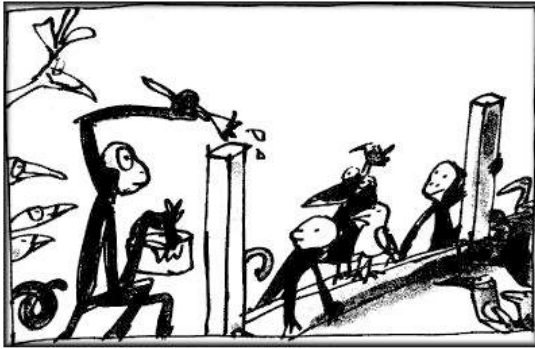
The Furniture Goes Up

‘Now the table, the big table!’ shouted Muggle-Wump. ‘Turn the table upside down and put a dollop of sticky glue on to the bottom of each leg. Then we shall stick that on to the ceiling as well!’

Hoisting the huge table upside down on to the ceiling was not an easy job, but they managed it in the end.

‘Will it stay there?’ they cried. ‘Is the glue strong enough to hold it up?’

‘It’s the strongest glue in the world!’ Muggle-Wump replied. ‘It’s the special bird-catching bird-killing glue for smearing on trees!’

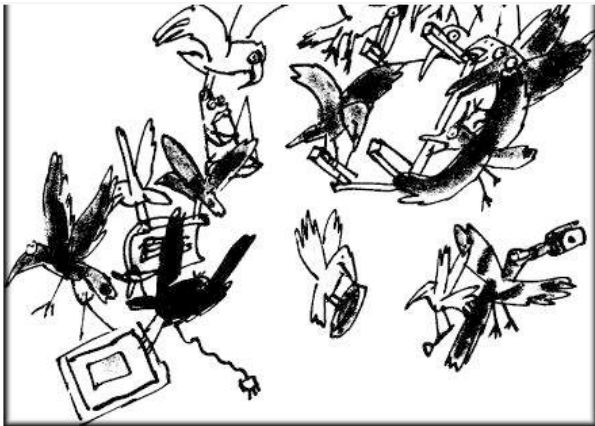


‘Please,’ said the Roly-Poly Bird. ‘I have asked you before not to mention that subject. How would *you* like it if it was Monkey Pie they made every Wednesday and all your friends had been boiled up and I went on talking about it?’

‘I do beg your pardon,’ said Muggle-Wump. ‘I’m so excited I hardly know what I’m saying. Now the chairs! Do the same with the chairs! All the chairs must be stuck upside down to the ceiling! And in their right places! Oh, do hurry up, everybody! Any moment now, those two filthy freaks are going to come rushing in with their guns!’



The monkeys, with the birds helping them, put glue on the bottom of each chair leg and hoisted them up to the ceiling.



'Now the smaller tables!' shouted Muggle-Wump. 'And the big sofa! And the sideboard! And the lamps! And all the tiny little things! The ashtrays! The ornaments! And that beastly plastic gnome on the sideboard! Everything, absolutely everything must be stuck to the ceiling!'

It was terribly hard work. It was especially difficult to stick everything on to the ceiling in exactly its right place. But they got it done in the end.

'What now?' asked the Roly-Poly Bird. He was out of breath and so tired he could hardly flap his wings.

'Now the pictures!' cried Muggle-Wump. 'Turn all the pictures upside down! And will one of you birds please fly out on to the road and watch to see when those frumptious freaks are coming back.'

'I'll go,' said the Roly-Poly Bird. 'I'll sit on the telephone wires and keep guard. It'll give me a rest.'

