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Grammar Reference

Articles 'a' and 'an'

'an' is used with **singular** countable nouns starting with a **vowel sound**.

Example: an **a**pple
 an **e**raser
 an **o**range t-shirt
 an **u**mbrella

Note: an **h**our (not a hour)

'a' is used with **singular** countable nouns starting with a **consonant sound**.

Example: a **s**hirt
 a **b**lack tie
 a **h**at

Note: a **u**niversity (not an university)

Imperatives

"Imperatives" are used to give orders or instructions. To make an imperative, **start a sentence with a verb without "to"**.

Example:
 Give me the bus ticket.
 Get on the train now!

To make a negative imperative, put "don't" or "do not" before the verb.

Example:
 Don't buy that air ticket.
 Do not get off the bus at the next stop.

Note: An imperative does not require a subject. "You" is the implied/understood subject.

Adverbs of manner

Adverbs of manner are used to tell how something happens. They are usually put either after the main verb or after the object.

Example:
 He drives **c**arefully.
 They play the piano **b**eautifully.
 Speak **s**lowly.

Note: To form adverbs, we usually add "-ly" to adjectives.

Example:

happy	happily
slow	slowly
quick	quickly

Note: Some adverbs are irregular.

Example:

good	well
fast	fast
early	early
hard	hard