



Learn English Through Stories

Pre- intermediate Grammar

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A Turkish Restaurant in Our Town by K S Sandhu

My name is Sarah. I live in a small town in England. There is a fantastic Turkish restaurant near my house. The restaurant is called "Istanbul Stars". The name is beautiful, like a star in the sky at night.

The owners are a husband and wife from Istanbul. The woman's name is Ayla and the man's name is Ocan. They came to Britain two years ago. Ayla is an architect. She loves buildings and designs. But in the evening, she works in the restaurant. She smiles a lot and talks to the customers. Ocan was a university lecturer in Istanbul. He taught history. Now he cooks and helps in the kitchen. He says, "I like food more than books now!"

In the kitchen, there is a very good Turkish chef. His name is Kemal. He makes amazing food. Every day he prepares kebabs, dolma, baklava and Turkish tea. The smell is wonderful when you walk past the restaurant!

There is also an English waiter called Joe. Joe is young and friendly. He speaks English very clearly, so it is easy for me to order. Sometimes he says Turkish words like "Afiyet olsun!" It means "Enjoy your meal!"

The menu is not very long, but the food is delicious. My favourite dish is lamb kebab with rice and salad. My friend Emma likes hummus and pide – it is like Turkish pizza. We always drink Turkish tea or ayran after the meal.

We go to "Istanbul Stars" once or twice a month. It is never expensive, and the people are kind. Last week, Ayla gave us a free piece of baklava. It was sweet and very tasty!

I like the restaurant because it feels warm and happy. When I eat there, I learn new words and I feel like I am on holiday in Turkey. Food, friends and smiles – that is what I love about this place.

One day, Ocan wants to open a bigger restaurant in the city. I hope he does. Then more people can try Turkish food!

4 a/an



a banana



an apple



an architect



a dentist

1 Form

We use *a* and *an* before different sounds:

	BEFORE WORDS THAT BEGIN WITH	EXAMPLES
a +	a consonant sound, e.g. <i>b, c, l, m, p, s, t</i>	<i>a cake, a sports teacher, a hat</i>
	<i>u</i> or <i>eu</i> , when they sound like <i>y</i>	<i>a uniform /uː/, a European /jəˈrɒpiən/ city</i>
an +	a vowel sound: <i>a, e, i, o, u</i>	<i>an apple, an interesting book, an uncle</i>
	<i>h</i> when you do not pronounce the <i>h</i>	<i>an hour, an honest man</i>

 Pronunciation ► 1.03

2 Use

We use *a/an*

to talk about one person or thing	<i>We saw a good film at the cinema on Saturday. Do you live in a house or a flat?</i>
to describe a person or thing with an adjective	<i>She's a nice person. Is that an interesting book?</i>
to talk about jobs	<i>My uncle is a dentist. I want to be an architect.</i>
to mean 'one' with fractions and numbers	<i>one and a half, a hundred, a thousand, a million</i>
to mean 'each' in measurements	<i>twice a day, once a month, four times a year, 80 kilometres an hour</i>

-  ~~My uncle is dentist.~~
✓ My uncle is **a dentist**.

We DON'T use *a/an*

- before plural nouns:
*I like books about other countries.
Children are welcome in this restaurant.
Do you like adventure films?*
- before uncountable nouns:
*Do you take sugar?
Furniture is expensive these days.
Teenagers often listen to music.*

Practice

1 Complete the sentences with *a* or *an*.

- 0 The school is looking for^an..... English teacher.
- 1 They're building hospital in the town centre.
- 2 There's hourly train from here to the coast.
- 3 'What's this?' 'It's euro.'
- 4 I've got uncle in Sydney, Australia.
- 5 We've got enough students for new class now.
- 6 Is there university in Manchester?

2 GRAMMAR IN USE Write *a* or *an*. Write – if we don't need *a* or *an*. ▶ 2.08 Listen and check.

- A What shall we do tonight? Shall we go to (0)^a..... restaurant? The Star, perhaps?
- B No, I'm not keen on (1) Chinese food. What about (2) Indian restaurant. Or Angelo's? They do fantastic pizzas.
- A Yes, but there are always a lot of (3) children there and it's very noisy on (4) Friday nights.
- B That's true. You know, I'd like a kebab. Is there (5) Greek restaurant around here?
- A Mmm, I love (6) kebabs. We don't have (7) Greek restaurant, but there's (8) new Turkish one in King Street.
- B OK, great. Let's go there.



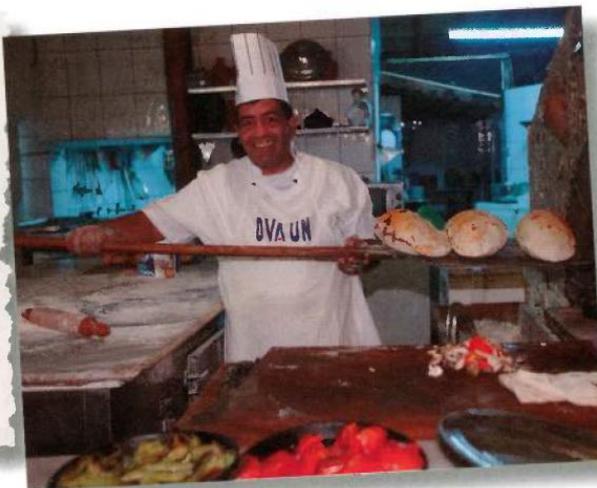
3 Complete the sentences with a nationality from Box A and a noun from Box B. Add *a* or *an* if necessary.

- A American British Chinese Finnish Japanese Swedish
- B city businessman cars company motorbikes writer

- 0 Saabs are^{Swedish} cars.....
- 1 Beijing is
- 2 Bill Gates is
- 3 J K Rowling is
- 4 Yamahas are
- 5 Nokia is

4 GRAMMAR IN USE There are eight more places in this text where we need *a* or *an*. Write *a* or *an* in the correct places. ▶ 2.09 Listen and check.

There's^a fantastic Turkish restaurant in our town. The owners are couple from Istanbul; they came to Britain two years ago. Ayla, the woman, is architect, but she works in the restaurant in the evening. Ocan, her husband, was university lecturer in Istanbul, but he wanted to do something different. They've got Turkish chef, Kemal, and English waiter, Joe. They've got very good menu, with lots of dishes. We go there once or twice month for really delicious meal.



Answers

UNIT 4

1 1 a 2 an 3 a 4 an 5 a 6 a

2 1 - 2 an 3 - 4 - 5 a 6 - 7 a 8 a

- 3 1 a Chinese city
2 an American businessman
3 a British writer
4 Japanese motorbikes
5 a Finnish company

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