

Adjectives Can Change Articles

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Read each adjective and noun pair below. Write "a" or "an" on the line.

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| 2. small girl | _____ | 18. fierce wind | _____ |
| 3. empty dish | _____ | 19. angry voice | _____ |
| 4. adorable puppy | _____ | 20. jealous boy | _____ |
| 5. silly face | _____ | 21. young baby | _____ |
| 6. smelly perfume | _____ | 22. icy road | _____ |
| 7. funny joke | _____ | 23. old woman | _____ |
| 8. emotional movie | _____ | 24. fast car | _____ |
| 9. wet towel | _____ | 25. difficult job | _____ |
| 10. easy problem | _____ | 26. foggy window | _____ |
| 11. interesting book | _____ | 27. eager child | _____ |
| 12. good friend | _____ | 28. wicked wolf | _____ |
| 13. hungry man | _____ | 29. crazy person | _____ |
| 14. gray cloud | _____ | 30. big event | _____ |
| 15. hot sun | _____ | 31. open door | _____ |
| 16. early morning | _____ | 32. sad story | _____ |

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