What is a sentence[句子](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=sentence) And articles [冠词](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=article)

**An English language sentence has a noun**[**名词**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=noun) **and a verb**[**动词**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=verb)**.**

Nouns are people, places and things.

In Chinese you can say: I happy.

In English you have to add a very: I **am** happy. (“Am” is a verb)

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| Noun |  | Run |
|  | Hat |
|  | Think |
|  | Play |
| Verb |  | Hu Jin Tao |
|  | Hospital |
|  | Study |
|  | Book |

Sometimes in English you need an **article**[**冠词**](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=article) before a noun. There are three articles in English: a, an, the.

Vowels[元音](http://www.mdbg.net/chindict/chindict.php?page=worddict&wdrst=0&wdqb=vowel) in English are: a, e, i, o, u and sometimes y.

Consonants are all the other letters. (b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, …)

If the noun starts with a vowel, you put “an” before it.

An Apple, an egg, an ice cream, an orange…

If the noun starts with a consonant you put “a” before it.

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| an |  | Baby |
|  | Cat |
|  | Alligator |
|  | Elephant |
| a |  | Monster |
|  | Idiot |
|  | Orphan |
|  | Swimming pool |