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# I Start with English!

Reading, Grammar & Vocabulary  
fun activities for the Cambridge  
**Pre A1 Starters** exam,  
& **2 complete Practice Tests**







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# I Start with English!

## Preparation & Practice

for the Cambridge English Qualifications  
**Pre A1 Starters**

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# Section 1

# Language Practice

Grammar & Vocabulary for the Pre A1 Starters exam



# Lesson

# 1

## The Alphabet

Look at the English Alphabet!



### THE ENGLISH ALPHABET

26 CAPITAL LETTERS

26 small letters

Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd, Ee, Ff,  
Gg, Hh, Ii, Jj, Kk, Ll,  
Mm, Nn, Oo, Pp, Qq,  
Rr, Ss, Tt, Uu, Vv, Ww,  
Xx, Yy, Zz.

Oh, yes!  
Let's read it!



**A** Capital letters:

A, B, C, D?, E, F, G, H,  
I, J?, K, L, M, N?, O, P,  
Q?, R, S, T, U?, V, W, X,  
Y, Z.

**B** Small letters:

a, b, c?, d, e, f, g, h?,  
i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p?,  
q, r, s, t?, u, v, w?, x,  
y, z.








**C Capital letters:**

- 1. sofa: ..... **SOFA** .....
- 2. donkey: ..... **DONKEY** .....
- 3. orange: ..... **ORANGE** .....
- 4. jeans: ..... **JEANS** .....
- 5. table: ..... **TABLE** .....

**Small letters:**

- 6. BEAR: ..... **bear** .....
- 7. MIRROR: ..... **mirror** .....
- 8. ZEBRA: ..... **zebra** .....
- 9. WINDOW: ..... **window** .....
- 10. GIRL: ..... **girl** .....

**D Choose and complete:**

- 1.  c a r  
a / u
- 2.  b o x  
d / b
- 3.  b a g  
g / k
- 4.  b e d  
d / b
- 5.  b u s  
c / s



# Lesson

# 2

## People - Animals - Things (Nouns)



**A** Put the words in the right balloons:

### PEOPLE

1. teacher
2. girl
3. woman

### ANIMALS

4. dog
5. cat
6. tiger

### THINGS

7. chair
8. train
9. plane
10. camera

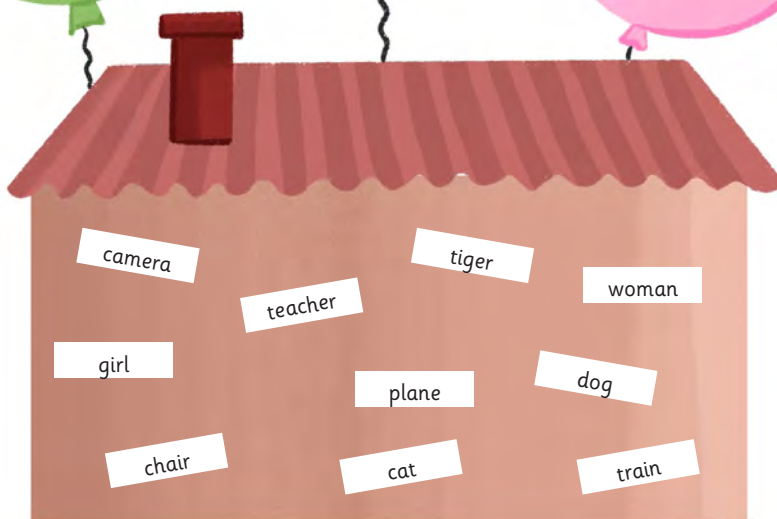
### Song

Boy and girl  
Man and woman  
People (clapping)

Cat and horse  
Animals (clapping)

Ball and car  
Things (clapping)

People, Animals  
and Things!





**B** One word isn't right!

1. man woman girl bird
2. car bus sister bike
3. mouse mango dog cow
4. school teacher child girl
5. bed jacket lizard ball
6. apple orange banana elephant

**C** Look at the picture. Find the nouns:

2. ORANGE  
3. HAT  
4. SONG  
5. EGG  
6. ELEPHANT  
7. TABLE

**D** Find and write:

T	S	G	U	I	T	A	R	B	R
O	A	J	S	C	H	O	O	L	E
S	W	R	Z	E	M	N	L	E	R
F	K	L	M	C	Z	I	X	M	F
G	J	I	L	R	L	O	Z	O	N
H	E	G	R	E	R	N	Y	N	Y
I	U	P	E	A	R	P	S	E	G
J	E	A	N	M	C	A	B	B	Z

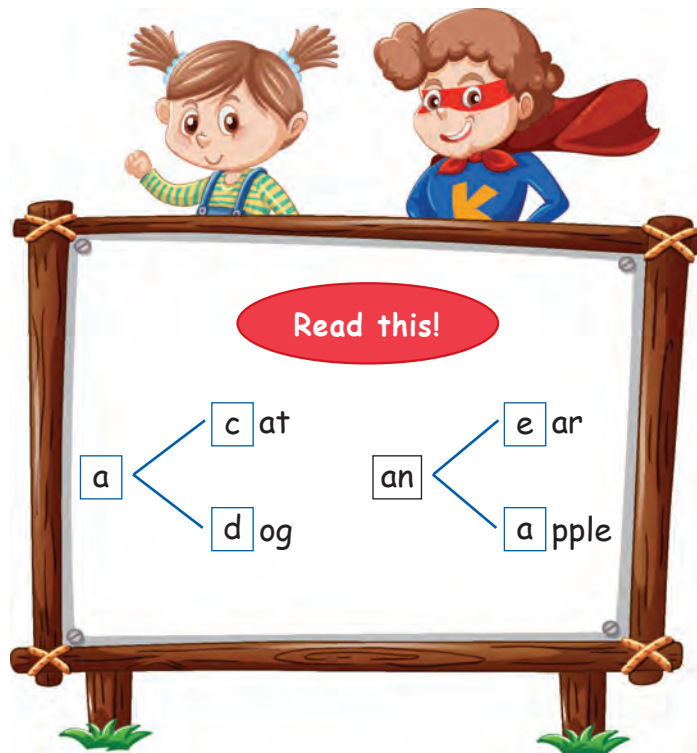
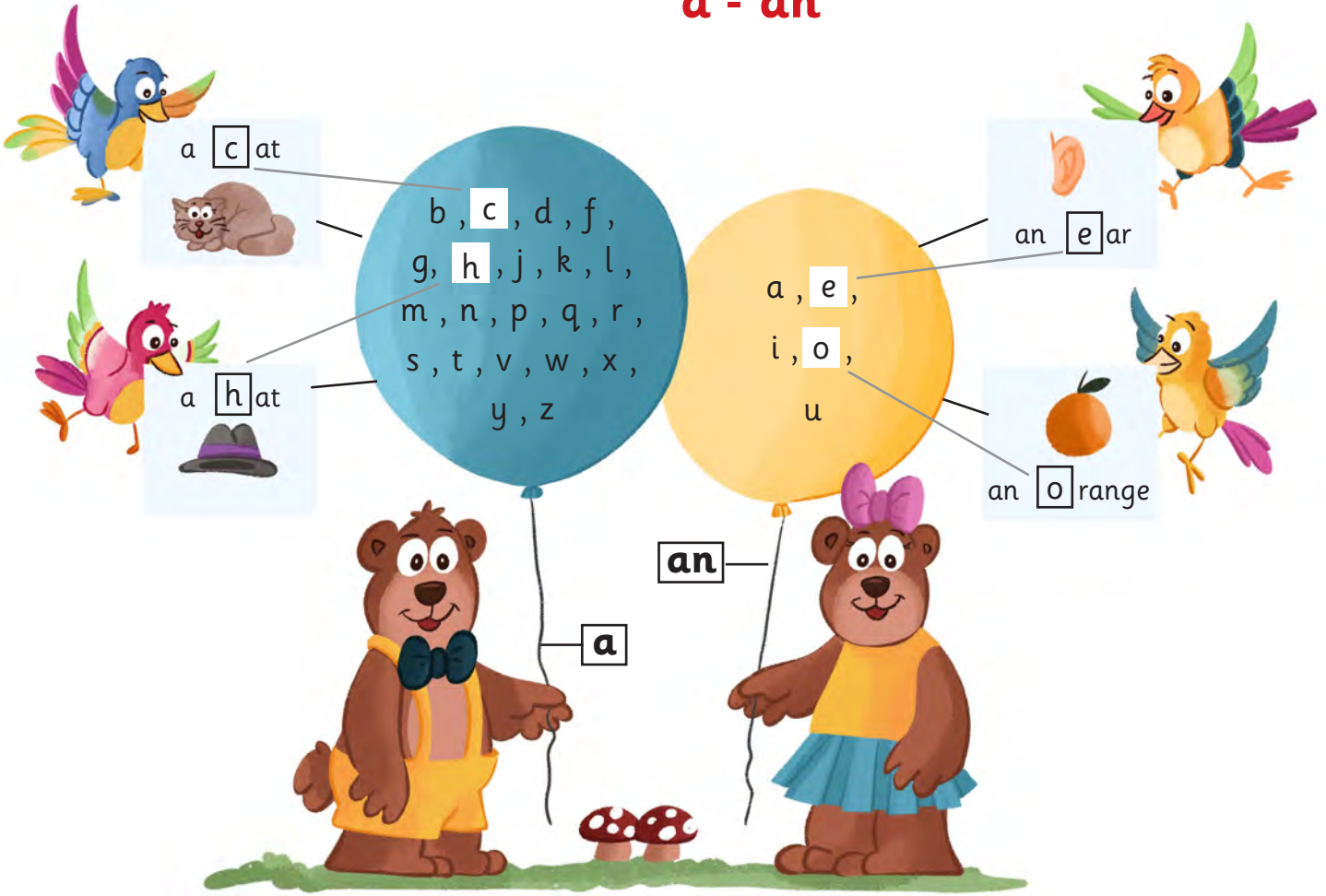
Write the words:

- LEMON .....
- ICE CREAM .....
- SCHOOL .....
- PEAR .....
- GUITAR .....
- ONION .....

# Lesson

# 3

## a - an







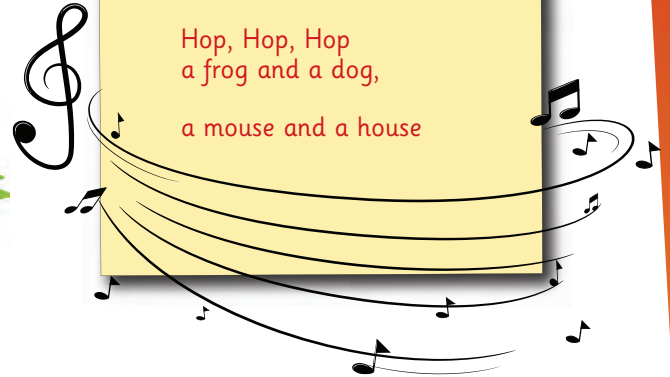
Song

Abracadabra wizzy woo,  
an elephant or a zoo?

Abracadabra wizzy woo,  
a brother, a sister or you?

Hop, Hop, Hop  
a frog and a dog,

a mouse and a house



**A** a or an ?



Words not in the Starters Wordlist:  
Ex. A: ant insect rabbit snail

**B** Complete:

?

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a an

~~e-~~      y-      i-  
t-      f-

1.



an eye

2.



a fish

3.



an umbrella

4.



a television

5.



an ice cream

**C** Correct:

Not Right (x)

1. an computer

2. an klok

3. a eliphant

4. an wintow

5. an berger

6. an nouse

Right (✓)

**a computer**

**a clock**

**an elephant**

**a window**

**a burger**

**a house**



**D** Put **a** or **an** and complete the words:

a - an

ta-

ae-

tr-

wo-

ba-

or-



1. a taxi
2. a baby
3. a woman
4. an aeroplane
5. an orange
6. a train

Words not in the Starters Wordlist:  
Ex. B: umbrella Ex. D: taxi (aero)plane



# Revision Exercises: Lessons 1 - 5

**A** Choose  the correct answer:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is a television.  
That's /  This

2. \_\_\_\_\_ that?  
What /  What's

3. That is \_\_\_\_\_ elephant.  
a /  an

4. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 bird / ice cream

5. \_\_\_\_\_ is this?  
 Who / Who's



**B** Draw lines:



a  
an

door  
apple  
egg  
bee  
snake





**C** Look at the pictures. Look at the letters.  
Write the words:



pahnetle

1. elephant



arc

2. car



rohse

3. horse



ebatl

4. table



rcahi

5. chair

**D** Write correct sentences:

1. is / pear / this / a This is a pear.

2. armchair / an / is / that That is an armchair.

3. is / that / who ? Who is that?

4. is / what / this ? What is this?

5. May / this / is This is May.

# Revision Exercises: Lessons 1 - 5

**E** Write sentences. Start with **This** or **That**.

1. This is a bus.



2. That is a hat.



3. That is a bed.



4. This is a chicken.



5. This is a flower.



**F** Choose and complete:

What's

Who

~~What~~

Who's

1. What is this?  
This is a car.



2. What's that?  
That's a guitar.



3. Who is this?  
This is Jill.



4. Who's that?  
That is Dan.





# Lesson

# 6

## I am... You are... The

Words not in the Starters Wordlist:  
p.23: sky moon wolf owl

Names not in the Starters Wordlist:  
Red Riding Hood Peter Pan Tinker Bell



Read this!

the

- sun
- moon
- sky
- sea

I + am... → I'm  
You + are... → You're

# Revision Exercises: Lessons 11 - 15

**E** Read and write. Choose a word from the box. Write the correct word next to numbers 1-5. There is one example:

Its    It    in    It's    ~~his~~    Their    He    He's



This is Mr Bear. This is his house.

(1) It's not a big house. (2) It is a small house.

His family is (3) in the house now.

(4) Their pet is a white mouse. (5) Its tail is very long.

**F** Write about your pet:

1. My pet is a dog. (pet / dog)
2. Its name is Hugo. (name / Hugo)
3. It is brown. (brown)
4. Its house is in the garden. (house / garden)
5. Its ears are big. (ears / big)

**My pet**



# Section 2

# Reading in English

Cambridge YLE **Pre A1** Starters





# Unit 1

## My name's Kim

### Pre-Reading questions

Answer the questions. Write a name or a number.

1. What's your name? .....
2. What's your family name? .....
3. What's your home number? .....
4. What's your friend's family name? .....
5. What's your friend's home number? .....

### Reading & Writing

Read this. Then answer the questions.

- Kim:** Hello, I'm Kim Grey. What's your name?  
**Dan:** My name's Dan. Hello, Kim. This is my friend Alex.  
**Kim:** Hello, Alex. What's your family name?  
**Alex:** My family name is Black.  
**Dan:** What's your friend's name, Kim?  
**Kim:** Her name is Anna Short. But she is not here. She is at home.  
**Alex:** Where's Anna's house?  
**Kim:** Her house is in Sun Street. Number 18. That's 18 Sun Street.  
**Alex:** What? My house is number 16! 16 Sun Street.  
My house is next to Anna's house!  
**Dan:** Is this your dog, Kim? What's its name?  
**Kim:** His name is Tom.  
**Alex:** Where's his house?  
**Kim:** Don't be silly! He lives with me!



A. Write a name or a number.

1. What's Kim's family name?  
Grey
2. What's the name of Dan's friend?  
Alex
3. What's Anna's family name?  
Short
4. What's Alex's house number?  
16
5. What's Kim's dog's name?  
Tom

B. Write Yes or No.

1. Alex's family name is Park.  
No (Black)
2. Anna is Kim's friend.  
Yes
3. Kim's house number is 18.  
No (Anna's)
4. Kim has got a dog.  
Yes
5. Kim's dog lives with Anna.  
No (with Kim)

Bill's Card

Read about Bill Small. Then answer the questions.

This is Bill

Bill's family name is Small. Bill has got one brother and one sister. His brother's name is Matt. His sister's name is Alice.

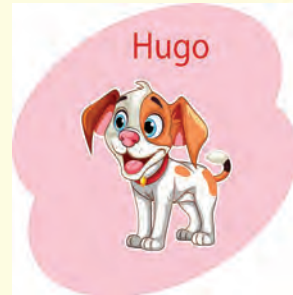
Matt is a baby. Alice is eleven years old and Bill is eight years old. They live in a house with a big garden.

Bill's family love animals and have a lot of pets. Bill has got a dog, a cat, a fish and a mouse. Bill's dog is very small. His name is Hugo.

Bill's cat is very old. Her name is Lucy. Lucy is black and white and she's got a long tail. Lucy doesn't like Hugo.

Bill's fish and mouse are very good friends. The fish's name is Orange and the mouse's name is Alex.

Orange, the fish, and Alex, the mouse, are very nice! Bill loves his beautiful pets. But his old cat is his favourite pet.



Write a name or a number.

**Bill Small**

**Brother's name:**  
Matt

**Sister's name:**  
Alice

**How old:**  
8

**Number of pets:**  
4

**Favourite pet:**  
Lucy / cat





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# Practice Test 1

My name is: .....

# Test 1

## Listening

### Part I - 5 questions -

Listen and draw lines. There is one example.

May

Grace

Sam

Alice



Anna

Matt

Pat

## Listening

## Part 2

- 5 questions -

Read the question. Listen and write a name or a number.  
There are two examples.



## Examples

What's the boy's name?

Ben

How old is the boy?

eight / 8



## Questions

- 1 How many children are there in the boy's class? ..... **18 / eighteen** .....
- 2 What's the boy's friend's name? ..... **Alice** .....
- 3 How many computers are there in the boy's classroom? ..... **19 / nineteen** .....
- 4 Who makes lunch at the boy's school? Miss ..... **Grace** .....
- 5 How many books has the boy got in his bag? ..... **5 / five** .....

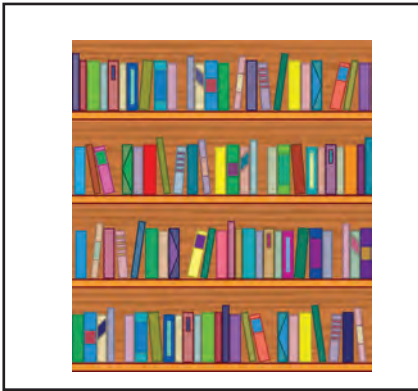
**Listening**

**Part 3**

- 5 questions -

Listen and tick (✓) the box. There is one example.

What's new in Ben's bedroom?



A



B



C

1 What can Anna do today?



A



B



C

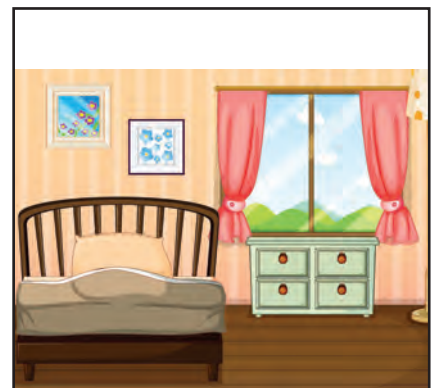
2 Where's the mouse?



A



B



C

3 What does Alex choose for his birthday?



A

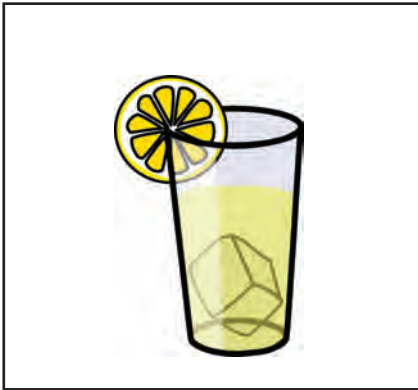


B



C

4 What's Sam drinking?



A

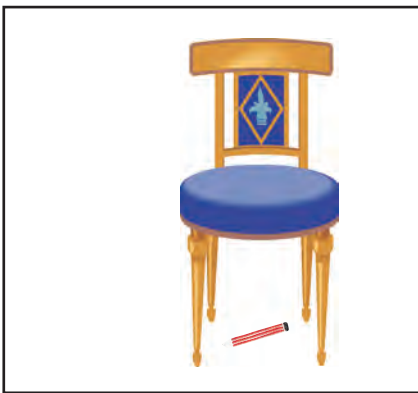


B



C

5 Where's Kim's new pencil?



A



B



C