



## Articles Quiz

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Directions: Edit the following sentences based on your understanding of section 11.9 of the *AMA Manual of Style*.

### 1. The investigators studied physics and medicine from a/an historical perspective.

**ANSWER:**

The investigators studied physics and medicine from a historical perspective.

**Editor's Note:** *The article a is used before the aspirate h (eg, a historic occasion) and nonvocalic y (eg, a ubiquitous organism) (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*

### 2. Most of the employees selected a/an HMO for their health care plan.

**ANSWER:**

Most of the employees selected an HMO for their health care plan.

**Editor's Note:** *Abbreviations and acronyms are preceded by a or an according to the sound following (eg, a UN resolution, an HMO plan) (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*

### 3. The patient had a/an hemoglobin level of 15.6 g/dL.

**ANSWER:**

The patient had a hemoglobin level of 15.6 g/dL.

**Editor's Note:** *The article a is used before the aspirate h (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*

### 4. The physician told that patient that he should have a/an ultrasound examination performed.

**ANSWER:**

The physician told that patient that he should have an ultrasound examination performed.

**Editor's Note:** *Words beginning with vowels are preceded by a or an according to the sound following (in this case, the u sound) (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*

### 5. The writer received a/an honorable mention for the essay contest.

**ANSWER:**

The writer received an honorable mention for the essay contest.

**Editor's Note:** *Words beginning with the letter h are preceded by a or an according to the sound following (in this case, the o sound) (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*

### 6. Reanalysis of a/an NHANES III study contradicted the original findings.

**ANSWER:**

Reanalysis of an NHANES III study contradicted the original findings.

**Editor's Note:** *Abbreviations and acronyms are preceded by a or an according to the sound following (in this case, the e sound) (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*



**7. A/An WHO survey was conducted to study associations between earlier lifetime disorders and the subsequent first onset of later disorders.**

**ANSWER:**

A WHO survey was conducted to study associations between earlier lifetime disorders and the subsequent first onset of later disorders.

**Editor's Note:** *Abbreviations and acronyms are preceded by a or an according to the sound following (in this case, the d sound) (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*

**8. At the follow-up visit, the physician diagnosed the patient's condition as a/an obsessive-compulsive disorder.**

**ANSWER:**

At the follow-up visit, the physician diagnosed the patient's condition as an obsessive-compulsive disorder.

**Editor's Note:** *Words beginning with vowels are preceded by a or an according to the sound following (in this case, the o sound) (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*

**9. A/An urinary tract infection caused the patient's pain.**

**ANSWER:**

A urinary tract infection caused the patient's pain.

**Editor's Note:** *Words beginning with vowels are preceded by a or an according to the sound following (in this case, the y sound) (§11.9, Articles, p 412 in print).*

**10. Scabies is a/an ubiquitous skin disease.**

**ANSWER:**

Scabies is a ubiquitous skin disease.

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