

A day in the life of Sherlock Groans.

Put in the correct form of the indefinite article (a or an):

Sherlock always gets up at six o'clock. First he takes a₍₁₎ shower. Then he has a₍₂₎ big breakfast. He eats an₍₃₎ apple and a₍₄₎ banana, well, he sometimes eats an₍₅₎ orange.

Then he goes to his office and sits at a₍₆₎ big desk. He waits for a₍₇₎ phone call.

Today it's a₍₈₎ phone call from an₍₉₎ old lady with a₍₁₀₎ missing cat.

Lady Grey speaks in an₍₁₁₎ excited tone: "Mr. Groans, I've got a₍₁₂₎ problem. My cat is missing again. You know Pepper; she's a₍₁₃₎ wonderful cat, but she often runs away for an₍₁₄₎ afternoon or a₍₁₅₎ day. She sometimes likes an₍₁₆₎ adventure in the woods. I think, she catches a₍₁₇₎ mouse or climbs an₍₁₈₎ old tree there. Maybe she can't find her way back home. Help me, please."

Mr. Groans answers: "Don't worry, Lady Grey. I'm a₍₁₈₎ good detective; I'm an₍₁₉₎ English detective. English detectives are the best detectives in the world. Give me an₍₂₀₎ hour."

Mr. Groans puts an₍₂₁₎ apple and an₍₂₂₎ orange and a₍₂₃₎ plastic mouse into his bag and leaves his office. He goes right into the woods and looks around. Then he puts his plastic mouse under an₍₂₄₎ old tree and climbs the tree. He sits there and makes the noise of a₍₂₅₎ mouse. A₍₂₆₎ young cat comes and plays with the plastic mouse, but it isn't Pepper. After ten minutes an₍₂₇₎ other cat comes; it's Pepper. Then a₍₂₈₎ big dog comes and the two cats run away and climb different trees. Pepper sits in Sherlock's tree next to him. The dog sits under the tree and barks up the tree. Groans takes an₍₂₉₎ apple out of his bag and eats it. That's good for his nerves. Then he phones Lady Grey.

Groans: "Hello, dear Lady Grey. I have got Pepper; she's here with an₍₃₀₎ other cat."

Lady Grey is very happy: “Wonderful. Bring her home.”

Sherlock Groans: “I can’t. I’ve got _a_(31) problem. I’m in _a_(32) tree with Pepper, but under the tree there’s _an_(33) angry dog. I’m scared of dogs.”

Lady Grey: “OK. Give me half _an_(34) hour.”

After twenty minutes she arrives on _an_(35) old bike. She hits the dog with _an_(36) umbrella. But then she looks at the dog again and says: “Oh dear. It’s Fiffi, my neighbour’s dog. Come on, Fiffi.”

She looks up the tree. Sherlock and Pepper sit on _a_(37) branch. The branch breaks and Groans and Pepper fall out of the tree. Pepper jumps on _an_(38) arm of Lady Grey and miaows.

Lady Grey puts Pepper into _a_(39) bag and rides home on her old bike. Fiffi runs next to her and barks.

Sherlock Groans walks behind the bike and the dog. He is happy, because he’s _an_(40) English detective and the world’s best detective.