

USAGE

What Is Usage?

The way in which the **English language** is **used** is known as **usage**. To speak and write our language properly, certain **rules** must be followed.

Examples:

1. **a and an**

Use **a** before a word that starts with a **consonant sound** and **an** before a word that has a **vowel sound** (a cartoon, an orangutan).

2. **split infinitives**

Modifiers should **not** be placed between **to** and **the verb** (to walk quickly).

3. **bad and badly**

Bad is an **adjective**, while **badly** is an **adverb**.



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Try This!

1] People, like laundresses and other jobs may

- a] jamborees
- b] janitors
- c] jargon
- d] jaws

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that people in called _____.

2] This sentence is written **correctly**.

After her pedicure, Tamara's nails looked well.

- a] true
- b] false

3] This sentence is written **correctly**.

Daniel has fewer friends than I.

- a] true
- b] false

4] This sentence is written **correctly**.

When my little brother busted Grandma's vase, he got into big trouble.

- a] true
- b] false