**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use the correct determiners ‘a’ and ‘an’ in our writing.

**‘An’ –** use this determiner before words that start with a vowel sound.

**Vowels** - a, e, i, o and u

**‘A’** – use this determiner before words that don’t start with a vowel sound.

**Challenge 1**

**With your teacher, read the following sentences and complete them by choosing the correct determiner ‘a’ or ‘an.’**

1) The bonobo toasted \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ marshmallow over the fire.

2) The bonobo found \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ earthworm that was long and juicy.

3) After \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tiring day, the bonobo climbed into his nest.

4) Building their sleeping nest wasn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ easy job for the bonobos.

5) Due to \_\_\_\_\_ loss of habitat, bonobos are a threatened species.

6) It was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ honour to watch the bonobos at play.

7) Bonobos can be found in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ area of Africa close to the Congo River.

**Challenge 2**

**Read the following sentences and circle where you think ‘a’ or ‘an’ has been used incorrectly. The first one has been done for you.**

1) The strong bonobo is dragging an branch behind him.

2) An baby bonobo begins life completely dependent on its mother.

3) After a hour passed, the bonobos starting grooming each other again.

4) The hungry bonobo popped a egg into his mouth.

5) A crocodile will eat a bonobo if given the chance.

6) A elephant startled the bonobo, who scrambled up an tree

7) Confusing the bonobo with an chimpanzee was a honest mistake.

**Now compare your answers with a shoulder partner. Can you explain why you did/didn’t circle ’a’ or ‘an.’**

**Challenge 3**

**Using some of the descriptive words from the Word Wall, see if you can write 3 of your own sentences about bonobos that include the correct use of the determiners ‘a’ or ‘an.’**



**Word Wall**

primate

human-like

intelligent

bonobo

**an**

**a**

fire

long black hair

marshmallow

flickering flame