**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.**

**‘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 BBC was able to use \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ harmless hummingbird spy to film the butterflies.

2) Eastern monarch butterflies can be found in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ area of Central Mexico.

3) It is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outstanding spectacle to watch.

4) Building the Spy Hummingbird wasn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ easy job!

5) Special muscles gives them \_\_\_\_ advantage for long-distance flight.

6) The number of monarch butterflies has fallen by \_\_\_\_\_ estimated 80 percent.

7) The tall tree is completely full with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ kaleidoscope of butterflies.

**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 monarch butterfly is **an** beautiful insect.

2) As **a** much loved species, monarchs have been filmed many times.

3) After **a** hour passed by, the Spy Hummingbird returned to the scientists.

4) The milkweed plant had more than just **a** single egg on it!

5) It was **a** colourful display when the monarch butterflies finally arrived in the forest.

6) A Spy Hummingbird is **an** perfect spy since it is so quiet.

**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 monarch butterflies that include the correct use of the determiners ‘a’ or ‘an.’**



**Word Wall**

**an**

**a**

colourful

monarch butterflies

delicate

milkweed

kaleidoscope

butterfly forest