

## A/AN/THE OR ONE?

In English, we can use **a/an/the** or **one** with a noun. We usually use **a/an/the**. We use **one** when it is necessary to emphasize quantity.

Look at these examples. The first example is from a previous lesson.

“What’s his name?”

“Dennis. He’s **the** basketball coach at Westmont High.”

( **NOT** “He’s **one** basketball coach at Westmont High.”)



“What’s that?”

“It’s **a** new cellphone.” ( **NOT** “It’s **one** new cellphone.”)

“858? What number is this?”

“It’s **an** area code in California.”

( **NOT** “It’s **one** area code in California.”)

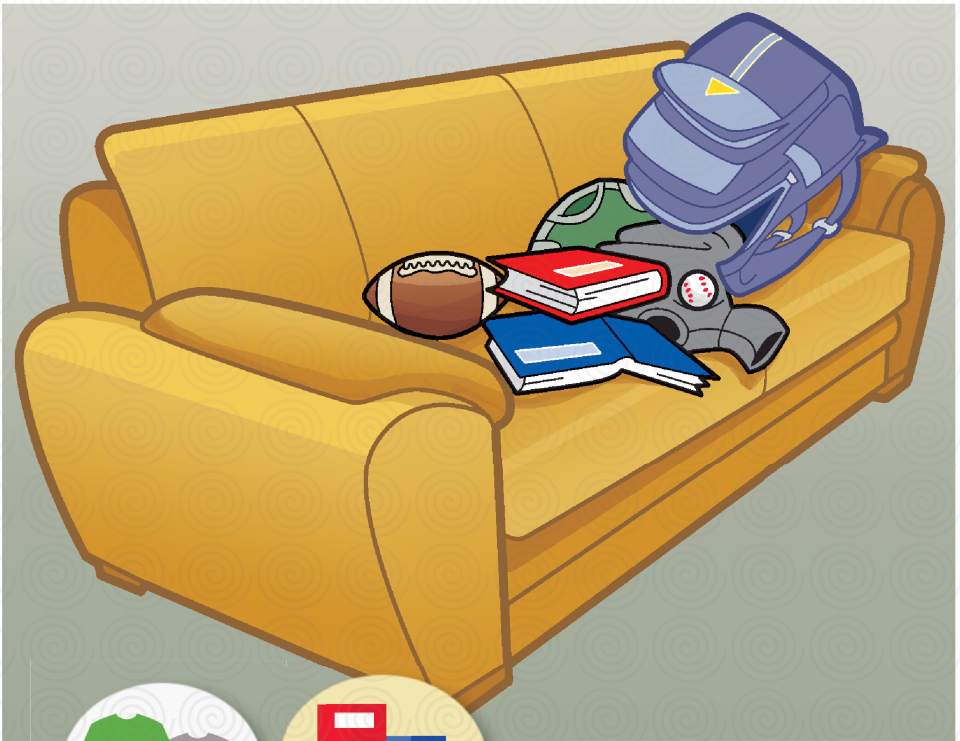
“Is Sam Lee **a** boy?” ( **NOT** “Is Sam Lee **one** boy?”)

“No. Samantha Lee is **a** girl.” ( **NOT** “Samantha Lee is **one** girl.”)

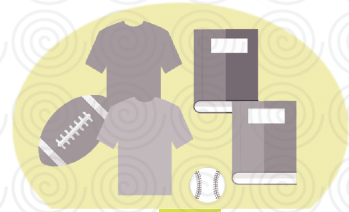
### STUFF

We use **stuff** in the singular form. We don't say *stuff s*.

Compare the sentences.



Look at those **T-shirts**, **books**, and **balls** on the sofa.



Look at that **stuff** on the sofa.