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语法专项 4 名词、冠词与词形 (a/an, 单复数, 形容词到名词)

English is fussy about **a / an**, singular versus plural, and choosing the **noun** form of a word. These small choices are tested throughout the AEIS Part 2 language-use paper.

英语对 a/an、单复数、以及词的名词形式要求很严格。这些细节在 AEIS 第二部分 (语言运用) 中反复出现。

The rule · 语法要点

- Use **a / an** with **one** countable noun only. *eyes* is plural, so drop 'a': *strange eyes*, or say *a strange look*.
- **Other** + a countable noun is usually **plural**: *players from other cities*.
- After **because of**, use a **noun**: *because of my overconfidence* — not *because my overconfident* (an adjective).
- Adjective to noun: *overconfident* → *overconfidence*, *confident* → *confidence*, *nervous* → *nervousness*, *brave* → *bravery*.

a/an 只能修饰一个可数名词；eyes 是复数，不能用 a。other 后面的可数名词通常用复数 (other cities)。because of 后面要用名词：overconfidence (名词)，不是 overconfident (形容词)。

Common mistakes to avoid · 常见错误

Common mistake	Correct
It happened because of my careless .	It happened because of my carelessness .
He stared with a strange eyes .	He stared with strange eyes .
Students from other school joined.	Students from other schools joined.
His honest impressed everyone.	His honesty impressed everyone.

Practice — 30 questions · 练习

Write the correct form (the noun form, the plural, or fix the article).

1. It began because of my _____ (overconfident).
2. He looked at me with _____ (a strange eyes).
3. Players from other _____ (city) could join too.
4. Her _____ (nervous) showed clearly on her face.
5. I felt _____ (a great confident) before the match.
6. Everybody makes _____ (a mistakes) sometimes.
7. She has a lot of _____ (patient) with young children.
8. His _____ (honest) impressed all the judges.
9. There were many _____ (child) in the hall.

10. I bought _____ (a new shoes) for the tournament.
11. We all admired her _____ (brave).
12. The team showed great _____ (determined).
13. He gave a speech full of _____ (confident).
14. Those two _____ (woman) are my coaches.
15. I keep three _____ (knife) in the drawer.
16. Her _____ (kind) made every new student feel welcome.
17. The garden was full of _____ (a flowers).
18. We need more _____ (information) about the rules.
19. He spoke with great _____ (wise).
20. The two _____ (man) shook hands after the match.
21. Her only _____ (weak) was her backhand.
22. I keep my trophies on those _____ (shelf).
23. Their _____ (loyal) to the team never wavered.
24. He felt a deep sense of _____ (proud).
25. There are many _____ (country) in Southeast Asia.
26. Her _____ (curious) got the better of her.
27. We saw a flock of _____ (goose) by the lake.
28. The coach praised the team's _____ (disciplined).
29. I made two _____ (wish) that night.
30. A moment of _____ (careless) cost us the game.