

Using A, AN and THE

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_____ phone

_____ car

_____ desk

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_____ pet

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_____ ring

_____ rainbow

_____ apple

_____ hospital

_____ ostrich

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