

INDEFINITE ARTICLES

PRACTICE

OBJECTIFS DE LA LEÇON

1. to practise using indefinite articles **un**, **une**, **des** in context

NIVEAU

A1 - [niveau découverte](#) (beginner)

RAPPEL

An indefinite article is a word used to designate an object which is not specific.

In French, the indefinite articles agree in gender and number with the noun they qualify.
Therefore, they are:

- **un** (masculine singular) - un chat (a cat)
 - **une** (feminine singular) - une maison (a house)
 - **des** (plural) - des pommes (apples)
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MASCULIN OU FÉMININ ?

Words which end in **-e*** or **-ion** are in majority feminine.

e.g: une voiture (a car), une bouteille (a bottle), une tasse (a mug), une nation (a nation), une organisation (an organisation)

Words which end in anything else are in majority masculine*.

*Unfortunately, there are words ending in **-e** which are masculine, such as un livre (a book), un arbre (the tree), un téléphone (the telephone). Besides, most words ending in -age, -ège or -isme, such as le nettoyage (the cleaning), le manège (the merry-go-round), l'organisme (the organism), are also masculine.