

Guess what we are going to be thinking about this week?!!!

nouns
name a person, place or thing



girl Earth ice cream

The girl has a new dress.
We live on the planet Earth.
Can I have some ice cream?

What are nouns?

Nouns
are

PERSON **ANIMAL**



PLACE **Thing**



NOUN

a word that
names a person,
place, or thing



boy School door

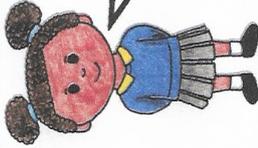
CHALLENGE 1:

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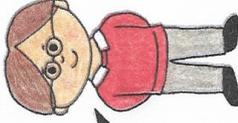
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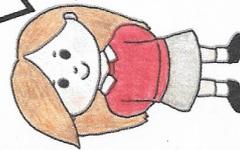


We've learned about nouns in English. Does French have nouns too?

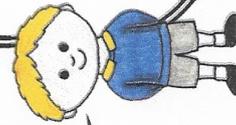


Yes! There are nouns in French too. For example, *chat* is cat, *fleur* is flower and *poires* are pears.

In the box there are some French cognates. Cognates are words that English and French share. They look the same or similar; and they mean the same.



How many nouns can you see in the box? Circle the nouns that you see.



I can see 20!

tomate	énorme	éléphant	bleu	animal
impossible	exemple	salade	ambulance	typique
cathédrale	carotte	applaudir	électrique	girafe
dentiste	héros	hôpital	intéressant	dictionnaire
kangourou	banane	crocodile	célébration	science
artiste	adorable	original	différent	panthère

CHALLENGE 2: You need to read this sheet very carefully to help you complete the activity beneath it.

MALE = MASCULINE.

FEMALE = FEMININE

3 **gender** **?**

I've heard that French has two groups of nouns. Is that true?

Yes, that's right, James! The two groups are called **masculine** and **feminine**.

If we describe something as **masculine**, it has something to do with being or looking male.

So if we describe something as **feminine**, it has something to do with being or looking female?

Yes.

'Masculine' and 'feminine' are just labels for the two groups. They could be called 'A words' and 'B words', for example.

Male people and animal words are **masculine**, female people and animal words are **feminine**.

In French, though, every noun is **masculine** or **feminine**, not just the people and animals. For example, a table is feminine.

But a table isn't a girl!

You're right! It belongs to the group of nouns called **feminine**, which also contains the female people words and animal words.

It's important to know which group a word belongs to, as the two groups use different determiners and different forms of many adjectives.

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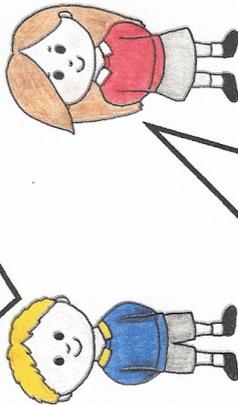
CHALLENGE 3: 'The indefinite article.'

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What's an indefinite article ?



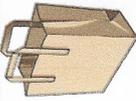
It's a determiner.
The English indefinite articles are *a* and *an*.

In French there are two indefinite articles:
un is masculine
une is feminine

Use the masculine article for masculine nouns, the feminine article for feminine nouns.

Write the correct indefinite article and the correct noun.

boisson	drink	fem.	crayon	pencil	masc.	porte-clés	keyring	masc.
bonbon	sweet	masc.	montre	watch	fem.	sac	bag	masc.
chapeau	hat	masc.	pièce	coin	fem.	stylo	pen	masc.
clé	key	fem.	pomme	apple	fem.	tablette	tablet	fem.

Don't forget to use your bilingual dictionary if you get stuck or the online one is always available and free to use.

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-french>

IMPORTANT: Feel free at any time to watch any of the HIGH FIVE videos to keep skills sharp!

<https://rlneducation.com/p/high-five-french-schools-3months>



I have made a little film to help you remember some classroom equipment *en français*. Just click on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/ypN9mDXok4U>

CHALLENGE 4: Look carefully at the poster below. Everything circled in *bleu* is masculine. Everything circled in *rouge* is feminine. Point to each item and say out loud whether it is masculine or feminine.

masculine or feminine ?

	un stylo		une règle
	un crayon		un cahier
	une gomme		un livre
	un taille-crayon		un papier
	une trousse		un feutre

CHALLENGE 5:

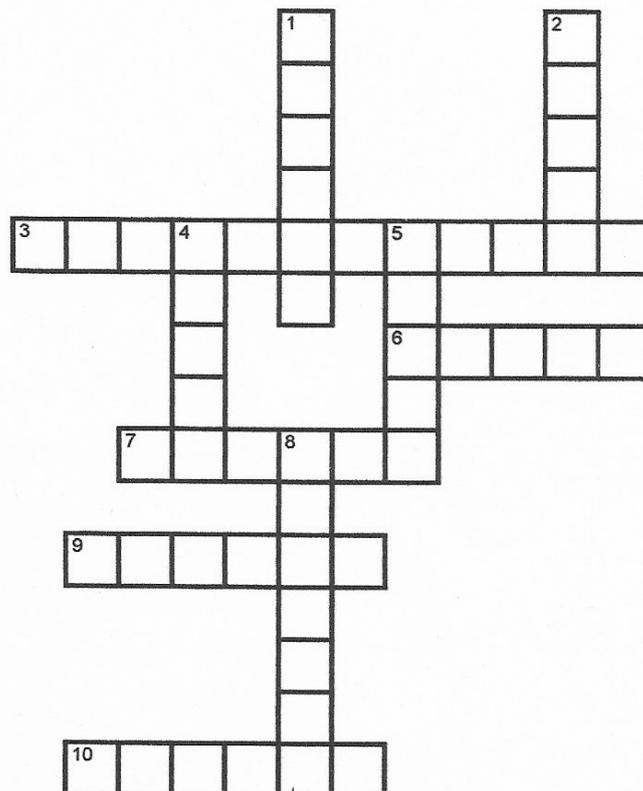


Horizontal

- 3 a pencil sharpener = un ...
- 6 a rubber = une ...
- 7 a felt-tip = un ...
- 9 a pencil = un ...
- 10 an exercise book = un ...

Vertical

- 1 a piece of paper = un ...
- 2 a pen = un ...
- 4 a book = un ...
- 5 a ruler = une ...
- 8 a pencil case = une ...





CHALLENGE 6: I hope you like this song, it is quite fast but it is rather catchy so I hope you can join in. It is all about, '*Mon sac à dos*' - my rucksack (*dos* means back) and the things I put in it.

<https://youtu.be/rdo69O2B2c4>



CHALLENGE 7: The HOPSCOTCH challenge! Watch the film using the link below. You will see many children playing hopscotch. They are all practising counting but in many different languages. Can you draw a chalk hopscotch and ask someone to film you counting *en français* from 0 - 10? Maybe you could make your hopscotch big enough to count to 12.....Maybe you could challenge yourself to put some random numbers on your hopscotch to help you practise some larger numbers just to keep skills sharp.

I wonder if you can count in any other languages? I would love to see you....

<https://youtu.be/Az7yC8s0mAQ>