French Grammar Express- Gender of nouns

Nouns are words that <u>name</u> things, places or people

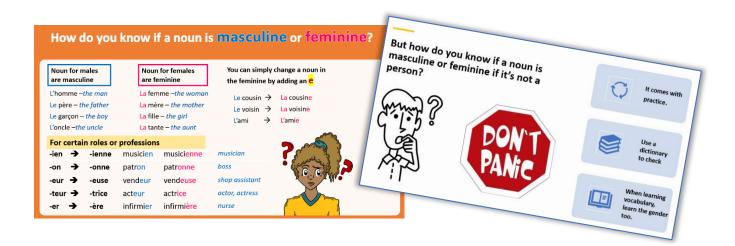
Proper nouns \rightarrow Identify specific people

Paul, London, Spain...

Common nouns \rightarrow Identify things (concrete or abstract)

table, freedom, road, idea...

In French, nouns are either masculine or feminine.



A lot of masculine nouns...

end in	Examples un (a) / le (the)	Some of the exceptions une (a) / la (the)			
The sound [ε̃]	lap in - <i>rabbit</i> chi en - <i>dog</i> tr <mark>ain</mark> - <i>train</i>	faim -hunger main- hand			
The sound [oh]	bat <mark>eau</mark> - <i>boat</i> chi ot - <i>puppy</i>	radi <mark>o</mark> - <i>radio</i>			
The sound [ã]	enf <mark>ant</mark> - <i>child</i> serp ent - <i>snake</i>				
The sound [õ]	nom - name salon - lounge	chanson -song boisson -drink leçon- lesson			
-age	visage - face voyage - journey	page- page image- image rage-rage			
- al and - el	cheval - horse ciel -sky				
- ail and euil	travail - work écureuil - squirrel				
-ard	renard - fox canard -duck				
-eur and -er	travaill eur - <i>worker</i> méti er - <i>job</i>	fleur-flower peur-fear odeur-smell			
-isme	optim <mark>isme</mark> - <i>optimism</i>				
-oin	tém <mark>oin</mark> - <i>witness</i> bes <mark>oin</mark> - <i>need</i>				
-oir	soir-evening espoir -hope				
-ou	c <mark>ou</mark> - <i>neck</i> hib <mark>ou</mark> - <i>owl</i>	roue -wheel joue -cheek			
- t	débat- debate dépôt -depot	nuit - <i>night</i> fôret- forest mort- death plupart- majority			
English words	meeting, week-end				

A lot of feminine nouns :

Many words ending in **e** are feminine, but it is far from being always the case.

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-ade, -ande and- ende	salade - salad viande - meat légende - legend		
aine and -ine	haine - hatred vitrine- shop window	dom <mark>aine</mark> - <i>domain</i>	
-aison and -oison	maison - house cloison - partition	poison - poison	
-ance and -ence	distance - distance patience - patience		
-ée, -té , -ite and -ité	durée - duration vérité- truth amitié- friendship	si <mark>te</mark> - <i>site</i>	
-esse, -osse and -ousse	hôt <mark>esse</mark> - <i>hostess</i> brosse -brush		
-ette	mou <mark>ette</mark> - <i>seagull</i> dette - <i>debt</i>		
-ie	baie- bay envie - desire série - series	incendie - <i>fire</i> génie - genius	
-ice and -ise	épice - spice crise - crisis	service- service indice - clue	
-ille	taille - size famille - family grenouille-frog		
-ique	mus <mark>ique</mark> - <i>music</i> logique - <i>logic</i>	moust <mark>ique</mark> - <i>mosquito</i>	
-ion	opinion - opinion gestion - management	avion- airplane champion- champion	
-ode and -ude	méth ode - <i>method</i> habitude - <i>habit</i>	exode -exodus code- code	
-ure	voit ure - <i>car</i>		

What about the plural?						
As in English to form the plural you add an S A cat → two cats Un chat → deux chats						
Words ending in	in the plural :]				
- al	change to aux	→ (horse) 1 cheval → 2 chevaux				
-eu, -eau or -ou			gâteau →	2 jeux → 2 gâteaux → 2 bijoux		
-S, -Z , -X	don't change		-	az (gases) , 2 choix (choices)		

L' **oeil** [luhee] →les **yeux** [lehzeeuh]