Masculine and Feminine

Nouns are words that name things, people, places and ideas. In French, **all** nouns are either **masculine** or **feminine**.

masculine	feminine
Masculine nouns have **le** (the) or **un** (a/an) in front of them.	Feminine nouns have **la** (the) or **une** (a/an) in front of them.

Words starting with a vowel have **l'** in front of them instead of **le** or **la**.

remember

When you learn a new French word, you also need to learn if it's **masculine (m)** or **feminine (f)**.

Write the correct determiner for each noun depending on whether it's **masculine** or **feminine**. The first one has been done for you.
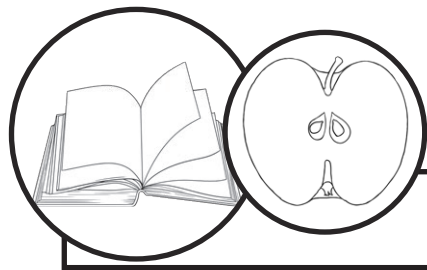
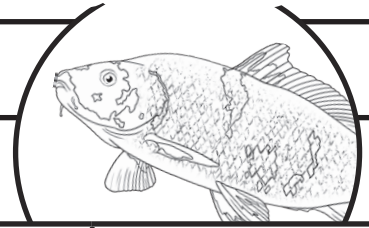|			
the cat	**le** chat **(m)**	the giraffe	_____ girafe **(f)**
a pencil case	_____ trousse **(f)**	the computer	_____ ordinateur **(m)**
the table	_____ table **(f)**	a cake	_____ gâteau **(m)**
a jumper	_____ pull **(m)**	an elephant	_____ éléphant **(m)**
a house	_____ maison **(f)**	the egg	_____ œuf **(m)**
an apple	_____ pomme **(f)**	a woman/lady	_____ femme **(f)**
the school	_____ école **(f)**	the tree	_____ arbre **(m)**
the chocolate	_____ chocolat **(m)**	a pizza	_____ pizza **(f)**
a brother	_____ frère **(m)**	the fish	_____ poisson **(m)**
a car	_____ voiture **(f)**	a book	_____ livre **(m)**

Top Tip

With some words it's easy to tell if they are **masculine** or **feminine** as they describe **male** or **female** people, e.g. **le garçon (the boy)**, **la fille (the girl)**.

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