

VOILA LE FRERE ET LA SOEUR DE MANUEL

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One of the eight parts of speech, an article is a word that modifies a noun in a particular way, by stating whether the noun is specific, unspecific, or partial. French articles agree in gender and number with the nouns they modify, and there are three types:

Definite / Défini

The definite article indicates that the speaker is referring to either a specific noun or to a class of nouns in a general sense. The English definite article, **the**, has four equivalent forms in French, depending on the gender and number of the noun as well as what letter it begins with.

le precedes masculine nouns: **le** garçon (**the** boy).

la precedes feminine nouns: **la** voiture (**the** car).

les precedes plural noun (masculine feminine): **les** gens (**the** people).

l' precedes masculine and feminine singular nouns starting with a vowel.

Masculine nouns:

l'éléphant (the elephant), **l'**hotel (the hôtel), **l'**ami (male friend)

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Feminine nouns:

l'amie (female friend), l'île (island), l'école (school)

Indefinite / Indéfini

The indefinite article indicates that the speaker is referring to either an unspecific noun or to one/some of something. The English indefinite article has two forms, **a** and **an**, while the French has three, depending on the gender and number of the noun.

The French indefinite articles are un (a), une (a/an) and des (some).

Un precedes masculine singular nouns:

un sac – a bag

un livre – a book

un homme – a man

un ami – a friend

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Une precedes feminine singular nouns.

une fille – a girl

une femme – a woman

une maison – a house

Des precedes masculine and feminine plural nouns.

des stylos – (some) pens

des chiens – (some) dogs

des étudiants – (some) students

Articles in French

Definite: the



**Indefinite:
a/an/one/some**



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