French Determiners

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(Definite determiners are translated as “the.”)

- le = use before a male noun that is singular (ex. le stylo)
- la = use before a female noun that is singular (ex. la carte)
• l’ = use before a male or a female singular noun if it begins with a vowel or an h. (ex. l’affiche, l’hôtel)

• les - use before a plural noun regardless of gender (ex. les stylos, les cartes)
More examples . . .

- le crayon (the pencil)
- la gomme (the eraser)
- les crayons (the pencils)
- les gommes (the erasers)
- l’examen (the test)
- les examens (the tests)
Let’s review . . .

• le (l’) = male “the”
• la (l’) = female “the”
• les = plural “the”
Indefinite Determiners

(Indefinite determiners translate as “a” / ‘an” / “some”.)

• un = use before a male noun that is singular (ex. un parc)

• une = use before a female noun that is singular (ex. une maison)
• *des* = use before a plural noun regardless of gender (ex. des parcs, des maisons)
More examples . . .

• un bureau (a desk)
• une affiche (a poster)
• des bureaux (some desks)
• des affiches (some posters)
Let’s review . . .

- un = male “a”
- une = female “a”
- des = plural “some”
Have you got it?

• Definite Determiners = le/la/l’/les = the
• Indefinite Determiners = un/une/des = a/an/some
Time to practice . . .