

What are Definite Articles?

Worksheet

Definite articles (le, la, l', les) point to a specific noun and match its gender and number. Use le for masculine singular, la for feminine singular, l' before any vowel or mute h, and les for all plurals.

Questions

1. Le vs. la: 'chaise' (chair) is feminine, so use...

- A) le chaise
- B) la chaise
- C) l'chaise
- D) les chaise

2. Which article goes before 'école' (school)?

- A) le
- B) la
- C) l'
- D) les

3. Three cats: '____ chats'

- A) le
- B) la
- C) l'
- D) les

4. 'Le verre' means 'the glass' (masculine). What's the plural?

- A) la verres
- B) le verres
- C) les verres
- D) l'verres

5. Add the correct definite article: '____ homme est ici.' (The man is here.)

6. Complete: '____ filles jouent au parc.' (The girls are playing in the park.)

7. Which article? '____ livre est intéressant.' (The book is interesting.)

8. Define: What are the four definite articles in French?

9. Define: When do you use 'l\'' instead of 'le' or 'la'?

10. Define: How many definite articles work for plural?

Answer Key

1. B) la chaise — 'Chaise' is feminine singular → 'la'. Answer: la chaise.
2. C) l' — 'École' starts with 'e' (vowel) → use 'l'.
3. D) les — Plural of any gender → 'les'. Answer: les chats.
4. C) les verres — Plural → 'les verres'.
5. 'Homme' is masculine singular and starts with a vowel. Use 'l' before vowels regardless of gender. Answer: L'homme est ici.
6. 'Filles' is plural (more than one girl). All plurals use 'les' regardless of gender. Answer: Les filles jouent au parc.
7. 'Livre' is masculine singular and starts with a consonant. Use 'le' for masculine singular nouns. Answer: Le livre est intéressant.
8. le (masculine singular), la (feminine singular), l' (before vowels), les (plural all)
9. Before any vowel (a, e, i, o, u) or silent h: l'arbre, l'homme.
10. Just one: 'les' works for all plural nouns, regardless of gender.

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