

What are Indefinite Articles?

Worksheet

Indefinite articles (un, une, des) introduce unspecific nouns. Use un for masculine singular, une for feminine singular, and des for all plurals regardless of gender.

Questions

1. A cat (unspecified): '____ chat'
A) le
B) un
C) des
D) la
2. Some tables (unspecified): '____ tables'
A) la
B) une
C) des
D) le
3. A woman (feminine, unspecified): '____ femme'
A) un
B) le
C) une
D) des
4. Which sentence is correct?
A) J'ai un chats.
B) J'ai des chats.
C) J'ai une chats.
D) J'ai le chats.
5. Use an indefinite article: '____ homme entre dans la classe.' (A man enters the class.)
6. Complete: 'J'ai ____ amis français.' (I have French friends — unspecified number.)
7. Fill in: 'Elle cherche ____ maison à louer.' (She is looking for a house to rent.)
8. Define: What are indefinite articles in French?
9. Define: Difference: definite vs. indefinite articles?
10. Define: Is there a difference between 'des' for masculine and feminine plurals?

Answer Key

1. B) un — Masculine singular, unknown cat → 'un'.
2. C) des — Plural, any gender → 'des'.
3. C) une — Feminine singular → 'une'.
4. B) J'ai des chats. — Plural needs 'des'. Correct: J'ai des chats.
5. 'Homme' is masculine singular and unknown/unspecified. Use 'un' for masculine singular.
Answer: Un homme entre dans la classe.
6. 'Amis' is plural (multiple friends), and we don't know the exact number. Use 'des' for all plurals.
Answer: J'ai des amis français.
7. 'Maison' is feminine singular and the house hasn't been identified yet. Use 'une' for feminine singular.
Answer: Elle cherche une maison à louer.
8. Words introducing unspecified nouns: un (masculine singular), une (feminine singular), des (plural all).
9. Definite (le, la, les) point to known nouns; indefinite (un, une, des) introduce new/unspecified nouns.
10. No — 'des' is the only plural indefinite article for both genders.

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