Masculine and Feminine in French

with Emily and Sammy

In French, words that are **masculine** or **feminine** are distinguished by the use of the words *le* or *la*.

When you say a **feminine** word in French, you use *la* in front of the word.

Feminine:

la fille = the girl
la mère = the mother
la femme = the woman
la maison = the house
la pomme = the apple

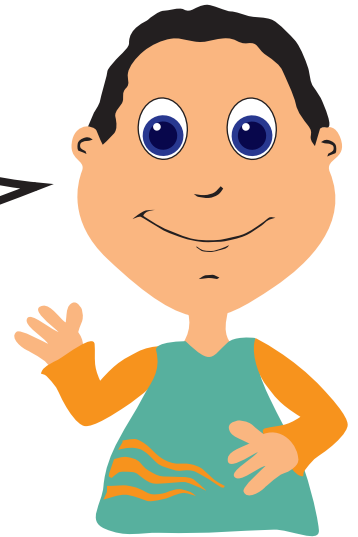When you say a **masculine** word in French, you use *le* in front of the word.

Masculine:

le garçon = the boy
le père = the father
le chien = the dog
le bébé = the baby
le facteur = the mailman

Finish the sentences below by adding the words *le* or *la*.

1) _____ garçon parle avec _____ fille. The boy is takling to the girl.

2) Sammy parle avec_____ mère d'Emily . Sammy is talking with Emily's mother.

3) Emily promène _____ chien. Emily is walking the dog.

4) _____ bébé boit du lait. The baby is drinking milk.

6) _____ pomme est tombèe de l'arbre. The apple fell from the tree.

7) _____ facteur distribue le courrier à _____ maison. The mailman delivers the mail to the house.

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In addition to the words *le* and *la*, the words *un* and *une* are also used to distinguish masculine and feminine in French.

When you say a **feminine** word in French, you use *une* in front of the word.

Feminine:

une fille = a girl
une grand-mère = a grandmother
une femme = a woman
une voiture = a car
une banane = a banana

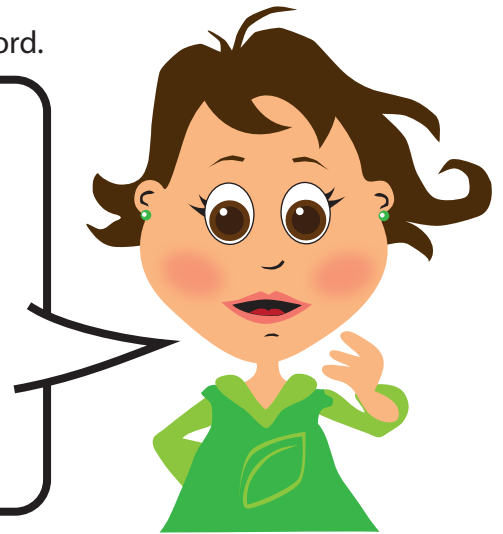When you say a **masculine** word in French, you use *un* in front of the word.

Masculine:

un garçon = a boy
un grand-père = a grandfather
un chat = a cat
un enfant = a child
un livre = a book

Finish the sentences below by adding the words *un* or *une*.

1) Hier sur l'autobus, j'ai vu _____ garçon en train de parler avec _____ fille. Yesterday on the bus, I saw a boy talking to a girl.

2) Sammy a _____ grand-père et _____ grand-mère. Sammy has a grandfather and a grandmother.

3) Emily veut _____ chat. Emily wants a cat.

4) _____ enfant joue au ballon. A child is playing ball.

6) Sammy mange _____ banane. Sammy is eating a banana.

7) Emily lit _____ livre. Emily is reading a book.