

Definite articles

Level: A1+ / A2 · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will choose le, la, l' or les before common nouns.

Discover

Compare: le bus, la gare, l'école, les billets. What changes with the noun?

Understand

Definite articles le, la, l' and les refer to a person or thing identified in context. Le generally goes with masculine singular nouns, la with feminine singular nouns, l' before a vowel or silent h, and les with plurals.

Examples

- le bus
- le café
- la gare
- la rue
- l'école
- l'hôtel
- les billets
- les voisins

Remember

le + masculine singular · la + feminine singular · l' + vowel/silent h · les + plural.

Exercises

1. For "Definite articles", sort the items using the lesson rule.

2. "le bus": which category does it belong to?

le • la • l' • les

3. "le café": which category does it belong to?

le • la • l' • les

4. "la gare": which category does it belong to?

la • le • l' • les

5. "la rue": which category does it belong to?

la • le • l' • les

6. "l'école": which category does it belong to?

l' • le • la • les

7. "l'hôtel": which category does it belong to?

l' • le • la • les

8. "les billets": which category does it belong to?

les • le • la • l'

9. "les voisins": which category does it belong to?

les • le • la • l'

10. Complete correctly: ___ bus

11. Complete correctly: ___ gare

12. Complete correctly: ___ école

13. Complete correctly: ___ hôtel

14. Assessment: write the answer without a hint. — ___ billets

15. Assessment: write the answer without a hint. — ___ rue

16. For "Definite articles": match each item to the correct category.

17. Complete this "Definite articles" example: " ____ voisins"

18. Rebuild this "Definite articles" sentence in a natural order.

bus / le

19. Complete this "Definite articles" example: "le ____"

20. Rebuild this "Definite articles" sentence in a natural order.

gare / la

21. Complete this "Definite articles" example: "la ____"

22. Rebuild this "Definite articles" sentence in a natural order.

l'école

Answer key

1. le bus le; le café le; la gare la; la rue la; l'école l'; l'hôtel l'; les billets les; les voisins les

Each item is sorted using the exact criterion introduced in the lesson.

2. le

"le bus" belongs to the category "le".

3. le

"le café" belongs to the category "le".

4. la

"la gare" belongs to the category "la".

5. la

"la rue" belongs to the category "la".

6. l'

"l'école" belongs to the category "l'".

7. l'

"l'hôtel" belongs to the category "l'".

8. les

"les billets" belongs to the category "les".

9. les

"les voisins" belongs to the category "les".

10. le

The expected form is "le".

11. la

The expected form is "la".

12. l'

The expected form is "l'".

13. l'

The expected form is "l'".

14. les

The expected form is "les".

15. la

The expected form is "la".

16. le bus le; le café le; la gare la; la rue la; l'école l'; l'hôtel l'; les billets les; les voisins les

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

17. les

The missing word is "les". Full sentence: "les voisins".

18. le bus

The rebuilt sentence is: "le bus".

19. café

The missing word is "café". Full sentence: "le café".

20. la gare

The rebuilt sentence is: "la gare".

21. rue

The missing word is "rue". Full sentence: "la rue".

22. l'école

The rebuilt sentence is: "l'école".