

Articles before a vowel — practise and choose the right form

Level: A1 · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will actively choose between le, la and l' in new noun phrases.

Discover

Sort these words: bus, école, gare, hôtel, adresse, marché. Which require l'?

Understand

To choose a singular article, first look at the beginning of the noun. Before a vowel or silent h, use l'. Otherwise keep le or la according to gender: le bus, la gare, l'école, l'hôtel.

Examples

- le marché
- la station
- l'arrêt
- l'université
- le restaurant
- la pharmacie

Remember

1. Identify gender. 2. Check the first sound. 3. Vowel/silent h l', otherwise le or la.

Exercises

1. For "Articles before a vowel", sort the items using the lesson rule.

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

le • la • l'

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

le • la • l'

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

la • le • l'

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

la • le • l'

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

l' • le • la

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

l' • le • la

8. Complete correctly: ___ marché

9. Complete correctly: ___ station

10. Complete correctly: ___ arrêt

11. Complete correctly: ___ université

12. Complete correctly: ___ restaurant

13. Complete correctly: ___ pharmacie

14. For "Articles before a vowel": match each item to the correct category.

15. Complete this "Articles before a vowel" example: "la ____"

16. Rebuild this "Articles before a vowel" sentence in a natural order.

marché / le

17. Complete this "Articles before a vowel" example: "la ____"

18. Rebuild this "Articles before a vowel" sentence in a natural order.

l'arrêt

19. Complete this "Articles before a vowel" example: " ____ "

20. Rebuild this "Articles before a vowel" sentence in a natural order.

restaurant / le

21. Complete this "Articles before a vowel" example: "la ____ "

22. Rebuild this "Articles before a vowel" sentence in a natural order.

marché / le

Answer key

1. le marché le; le restaurant le; la station la; la pharmacie la; l'arrêt l'; l'université l'

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

2. le

"le marché" belongs to the category "le".

3. le

"le restaurant" belongs to the category "le".

4. la

"la station" belongs to the category "la".

5. la

"la pharmacie" belongs to the category "la".

6. l'

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

7. l'

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

8. le

The expected form is "le".

9. la

The expected form is "la".

10. l'

The expected form is "l'".

11. l'

The expected form is "l'".

12. le

The expected form is "le".

13. la

The expected form is "la".

14. le marché le; le restaurant le; la station la; la pharmacie la; l'arrêt l'; l'université l'

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

15. pharmacie

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

16. le marché

The rebuilt sentence is: "le marché".

17. station

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

18. l'arrêt

The rebuilt sentence is: "l'arrêt".

19. l'université

The missing word is "l'université". Full sentence: "l'université".

20. le restaurant

The rebuilt sentence is: "le restaurant".

21. pharmacie

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

22. le marché

The rebuilt sentence is: "le marché".