

Articles before a vowel — identify and understand

Level: A1 · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will identify when le or la changes to l'.

Discover

Compare: la gare/l'adresse; le café/l'hôtel. What do adresse and hôtel have in common?

Understand

Before a singular noun beginning with a vowel or silent h, le and la become l': l'école, l'adresse, l'hôtel. This elision avoids adjacent vowel sounds.

Examples

- l'école
- l'adresse
- l'hôtel
- l'amie
- l'entrée
- l'heure

Remember

le/la l' before a vowel or silent h: l'école, l'adresse, l'hôtel, l'heure.

Exercises

1. For "Articles before a vowel", sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. "l'école": which category does it belong to?
voyelle • h muet
3. "l'adresse": which category does it belong to?
voyelle • h muet
4. "l'amie": which category does it belong to?
voyelle • h muet
5. "l'hôtel": which category does it belong to?
h muet • voyelle
6. "l'heure": which category does it belong to?
h muet • voyelle
7. Complete correctly: ___ école
8. Complete correctly: ___ adresse
9. Complete correctly: ___ hôtel
10. Complete correctly: ___ amie
11. Complete correctly: ___ entrée
12. Complete correctly: ___ heure
13. For "Articles before a vowel": match each item to the correct category.
14. Rebuild this "Articles before a vowel" sentence in a natural order.
l'amie
15. Complete this "Articles before a vowel" example: " ____ "
16. Complete this "Articles before a vowel" example: " ____ "
17. Complete this "Articles before a vowel" example: " ____ "

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

l'adresse

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

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

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

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

l'heure

Answer key

1. l'école voyelle; l'adresse voyelle; l'amie voyelle; l'hôtel h muet; l'heure h muet

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

2. voyelle

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

3. voyelle

"l'adresse" belongs to the category "voyelle".

4. voyelle

"l'amie" belongs to the category "voyelle".

5. h muet

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

6. h muet

"l'heure" belongs to the category "h muet".

7. l'

The expected form is "l'".

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The expected form is "l'".

9. l'

The expected form is "l'".

10. l'

The expected form is "l'".

11. l'

The expected form is "l'".

12. l'

The expected form is "l'".

13. l'école voyelle; l'adresse voyelle; l'hôtel h muet; l'heure h muet

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

14. l'amie

The rebuilt sentence is: "l'amie".

15. l'entrée

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

16. l'heure

The missing word was "l'heure". Full sentence: "l'heure".

17. l'école

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

18. l'adresse

The rebuilt sentence is: "l'adresse".

19. l'hôtel

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

20. l'amie

The missing word was "l'amie". Full sentence: "l'amie".

21. l'entrée

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

22. l'heure

The rebuilt sentence is: "l'heure".