

Indefinite articles

Level: A1+ / A2 · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will choose un, une or des to introduce a non-specific item.

Discover

In Je cherche une pharmacie, do we already know exactly which pharmacy?

Understand

Indefinite articles un, une and des introduce a person or thing not yet identified: un café, une question, des billets. Un is masculine singular, une feminine singular, des plural.

Examples

- un café
- un billet
- une question
- une adresse
- des collègues
- des pommes

Remember

un = masculine singular · une = feminine singular · des = non-specific plural.

Exercises

1. For "Indefinite articles", sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. "un café": which category does it belong to?
un · une · des
3. "un billet": which category does it belong to?
un · une · des
4. "une question": which category does it belong to?
une · un · des
5. "une adresse": which category does it belong to?
une · un · des
6. "des collègues": which category does it belong to?
des · un · une
7. "des pommes": which category does it belong to?
des · un · une
8. Complete correctly: ___ café
9. Complete correctly: ___ billet
10. Complete correctly: ___ question
11. Complete correctly: ___ adresse
12. Complete correctly: ___ collègues
13. Complete correctly: ___ pommes
14. For "Indefinite articles": match each item to the correct category.
15. Complete this "Indefinite articles" example: "____ collègues"
16. Rebuild this "Indefinite articles" sentence in a natural order.
pommes / des
17. Complete this "Indefinite articles" example: "un ____"

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

billet / un

19. Complete this "Indefinite articles" example: "une ____"

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

adresse / une

21. Complete this "Indefinite articles" example: "des ____"

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

pommes / des

Answer key

1. un café un; un billet un; une question une; une adresse une; des collègues des; des pommes des

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

2. un

"un café" belongs to the category "un".

3. un

"un billet" belongs to the category "un".

4. une

"une question" belongs to the category "une".

5. une

"une adresse" belongs to the category "une".

6. des

"des collègues" belongs to the category "des".

7. des

"des pommes" belongs to the category "des".

8. un

The expected form is "un".

9. un

The expected form is "un".

10. une

The expected form is "une".

11. une

The expected form is "une".

12. des

The expected form is "des".

13. des

The expected form is "des".

14. un café un; un billet un; une question une; une adresse une; des collègues des; des pommes des

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

15. des

The missing word is "des". Full sentence: "des collègues".

16. des pommes

The rebuilt sentence is: "des pommes".

17. café

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

18. un billet

The rebuilt sentence is: "un billet".

19. question

The missing word is "question". Full sentence: "une question".

20. une adresse

The rebuilt sentence is: "une adresse".

21. collègues

The missing word is "collègues". Full sentence: "des collègues".

22. des pommes

The rebuilt sentence is: "des pommes".