

MASCULIN & FÉMININ

M A S C U L I N E & F E M I N I N E

EXPLANATIONS

In French :

All the nouns are **categorized** as either « **MASCULIN** » or « **FÉMININ** ».

« **MASCULIN** » : usually refers to something related to **males / boys / men**

Ex : Chat	(Male cat)
Ex : Garçon	(Boy)

« **FÉMININ** » : usually refers to something related to **females / girls / women**

Ex : Chatte	(Female cat)
Ex : Fille	(Girl)

It seems quite logical when it comes to living beings like **animals** or **humans**.

But how to determine if a « **garden** » or a « **table** »

are « **MASCULIN** » or « **FÉMININ** »?

By simply applying the following rule :

RULE

If a noun ends with an « **E** » or « **TION** »

then, it is most probably « **FÉMININ** »

Ex : Table e	(Table)
Ex : Question tion	(Question)

If a noun **doesn't end with** an « **E** » or « **TION** »

then, it is most probably « **MASCULIN** »

Ex : Stylo_	(Pen)
Ex : Jardin_	(Garden)

There are a few exceptions that **we will learn throughout the upcoming lessons.**

But here are a few examples:

Arbre e	(a tree)
Livre e	(a book)
Homme e	(a man)

As you can see, these words end with an « **E** »,

So you might expect them to be « **FÉMININ** »

But they are in fact **exceptions** and are **ultimately categorized as « MASCULIN »**

Don't worry, every language has its own **exceptions and particularities**,

but, if you follow the simple rules **we studied today**,

it will cover **99% of the cases**

and guarantee you a **very strong foundation in grammar.**

« MASCULIN » VOCABULARIES

VOCABULARIES	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
Garçon	[ga r son]	Boy
Ami	[a mi]	Friend (boy / man)
Étudiant	[é tu di an]	Student (boy / man)
Professeur	[pro fè seu r]	Teacher (boy / man)
Chat	[cha]	Cat (male)
Chien	[chi un]	Dog (male)
Stylo	[sti lo]	Pen
Vélo	[vé lo]	Bicycle
Jardin	[ja r dun]	Garden

« FÉMININ » VOCABULARIES

VOCABULARIES	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
Fille	[fi y]	Girl / Daughter
Femme	[fa m]	Woman / Wife
Amie	[a mi]	Friend (girl / woman)
Étudiante	[é tu di an t]	Student (girl / woman)
Professeure	[pro fè seu r]	Teacher (girl / woman)
Chatte	[ch a t]	Cat (girl / woman)
Chienne	[chi è n]	Dog (girl / woman)
Table	[ta b l]	Table
Pomme	[pô m]	Apple
Plante	[plan t]	Plant
École	[é kô l]	School
Question	[kè s ti on]	Question
Chemise	[che mi z]	Shirt
Voiture	[vou a tu r]	Car

EXCEPTIONS

VOCABULARIES	PRONUNCIATION	MEANING
Arbre	[a r b r]	Tree
Homme	[ô m]	Man
Livre	[li v r]	Book
Téléphone	[té lé fô n]	Phone
Voyage	[vou a ya j]	Trip/Journey