

Indefinite Articles

In English, the indefinite articles are “a” and “an.” In French, the indefinite articles are “un” for masculinity and “une” for femininity.

In French, unlike in English, there is no specific indefinite article to be placed before a word starting with a vowel—French only has different indefinite articles to convey gender.

Examples:

Tu es un garçon. You are a boy.	Je ne suis pas une femme. I am not a woman.
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As you can see, “un” is used before “garçon” which means “boy” and is a masculine word; “une” is used before “femme” which means “woman” and is a feminine word.

The plural indefinite article for both masculine and feminine is “des” which means “some” in French.

Example:

Vous avez des pommes et des oranges. You have some apples and some oranges.
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