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FRENCH GRAMMAR

In French, nouns (substantives n.) are either masculine (m.) or feminine (f.). Each gender has its own article.

le jour m.                      the day	
la nuit f.                        the night	

When the noun begins with a vowel or a silent 'h', the le or la simply becomes l'.

l'ombre m.                    the shade	
l'abeille f.                     the bee	
l'hôtel m.                     the hotel	

Some people nouns are always either masculine or feminine, regardless of whether it refers to a guy or a girl.

l'avedette                    star	
le savant                     wise person	
le pilote                      pilot	

Les is the plural article for both masculine and feminine nouns.

les hommes m. plural      the men	
les femmes f. plural      the women	

**Gender**  
Guessing the gender of people nouns is easy. If you're referring to a male, it's masculine, otherwise it's feminine.

le garçon                    the kid (male)	
la fille                        the kid (female)	

le professeur                teacher (high school or university)

Guessing the gender of inanimate nouns can be a bit tricky. Consonant ending nouns are usually masculine and e ending nouns are usually feminine but there are tons of exceptions. There are some rather complicated rules that can be used.

Many people nouns have both masculine and feminine forms.

l'enseignant	teacher (male)
l'enseignante	teacher (female)
le vendeur	salesperson (male)
la vendeuse	salesperson (female)

SUBJECT PRONOUNS

Je suis le professeur.	I am the teacher.
Tu es étudiant.	You are a student.
Il est français.	He is French.
Elle est française.	She is French.
Nous sommes des élèves.	We are students.
Ils sont de France.	They are from France.
Elles sont de Paris.	They (women) are from Paris.

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