

Un or une?

How can you tell if a noun is masculine or feminine?
Just look at its last letter!

If the noun ends in "e" like "chaise", it is probably feminine and we use "une" as it also has an "e" at the end.



If the noun doesn't end in "e" like "cahier", then it is more likely to be masculine, and you'll need to use "un".

Masculine

un stylo a pen
un papier a piece of paper
un crayon a pencil

Feminine

une gomme an eraser
une chaise a chair
une table a table

Family members

Even though "frère", "père", "grand-père" and "oncle" all end in "e", you obviously would only use "un" with them because those family members are male.



un frère

un père

un grand-père

un oncle

Although "sœur" ends with a consonant you would obviously only use "une" with it because a sister is female.

There is a grave accent (̀) on the first "e" of "mère", "père" and "frère" because it is quite a grave thing to have a family.



une sœur

une grand-mère

une mère

une tante