

Useful vocabulary memory tricks

occupé(e) (busy)

inquiet/inquiète

Occupé(e): another word for busy in English is **occupied**.

inquiet/inquiète

se lever (to get up)

Se lever: imagine that when you get up you "elevate" yourself.

s'habiller (to get dressed)

S'habiller: in English, nuns and horse riders wear habits. The French word "habits" means "clothes"; therefore "s'habiller" means to get dressed and "se déshabiller" means to get undressed.

Is a noun masculine or feminine?
If it ends in "e" (eg chaise, gomme, table) it is most likely to be feminine.
Nouns ending in a consonant are usually masculine.
There are, of course, exceptions. We have memory tricks for those as well.

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"Poule" is similar to the English word "poultry".

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Try these memory tricks for choosing the right possessive and see if your pupils remember them next week!

mon père

When you say "le" before a masculine singular noun, don't replace the "l" with an "m", but remember the word "monsieur" because "mon" is used before a masculine singular noun:

le père | mon père

le cousin | mon cousin

ma mère

When you say "la" before a feminine singular noun, simply replace the "l" with an "m" to make "ma":

la mère | ma mère

la sœur | ma sœur

la maison | ma maison

les parents

When you say "les" before a plural noun, simply replace the "l" with an "m" to make "mes":

les parents | mes parents

les enfants | mes enfants

mon ordinateur

Always say "mon" before any singular noun starting with a vowel (masculine and feminine) because it is much easier to pronounce before a vowel, such as:

l'ami | mon ami

l'école | mon école

l'ordinateur | mon ordinateur

les parents

mon adresse

mon ordinateur

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**The Unforgettable French method for
teaching and learning French
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