

Les noms (The nouns)

In French, nouns are number and gender based.

There are 2 genders in French.

i. **Masculin** (Masculine)

ii. **Feminin** (Feminine)

Rules: (for most of the cases)

i. **If noun ends on “e” then it is a feminine singular noun.**

For eg. **gomme**e (eraser)

pommee (apple)

voituree (car)

fille (girl)

ii. **If noun ends on “s / x ” then it is a plural noun.**

For eg. **stylo**s (pens)

gateaux (cakes)

bananes (bananas)

cadeaux (gifts)

iii. Rest nouns are masculine singular nouns.

For eg. **stylo** (pen)

crayon (pencil)

cahier (note - book)

ami (friend)

Ex. 1 Identify the number and gender of the following nouns.

i. **Stylo** (pen) →

ii. **Gomme** (eraser) →

iii. **Fleurs** (flowers) →

iv. **Voiture** (car) →

v. **Crayon** (pencil) →

vi. **Cahier** (note book) →

vii. **Livres** (books) →

viii. **Trousse** (pencil box) →

ix. **Bananes** (bananas) →

x. **Garçon** (boy) →

xi. **Cadeaux** (cakes) →

Les noms au pluriel (Making nouns plural)

i. For most of the nouns we add **'s'** at the end of noun .

for eg. stylos, gommages etc.

ii. If noun ends on **'s/x/z'** then it would remain same.

for eg. fils , virus , nez etc.

iii. If noun ends on **'eu/au/ou'** then add **'x'** for making it plural.

for eg. bateau → bateaux

chou → choux

iv. If noun ends on **'al'** then first drop it and then add **'aux'** for making it plural.

for eg. journal → journaux

animal → animaux

Ex. Make these nouns plural.

i. fleur

ii. bus

iii. chatte

iv. jeu

v. gaz

vi. chapeau

vii. stylo

viii. gomme

ix. animal

x. tapis