French

## Talking about school subjects [2/3] - Use of the definite article

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## Les matières



la matière (f)	subject
le français (m)	French
le commerce (m)	business studies
le théâtre (m)	drama
le dessin (m)	art
l' anglais (m)	English
les arts ménagers (m,pl)	food technology

## The definite article - The

1, If a noun is **masculine** and **singular** (and does NOT begin with a vowel or 'h') the word for 'the' is '**le**'

2, If a noun is **feminine** and **singular** (and does NOT begin with a vowel or 'h') the word for 'the' is '**la**'

3, If a noun is **singular** and begins with a **vowel** or '**h**' the word for 'the' shortens to **l**'

3, If a noun is **plural** the word for 'the' is '**les**'

## School subjects and opinions

- 1. In French the singular word for "the" changes according to the ...gender...... of the noun.
- 2. The masculine word for "the" is .....le
- 3. The feminine word for "the" is .... la
- 4. The plural word for "the" is ......les
- 5. When giving opinions such as "I like French" what is the literal French translation? J'aime le français / I like THE French.