

Key Vocabulary

Je suis...



I am...

un



une



Les Animaux Core Concepts

Indefinite Articles: The words un (for masculine nouns) and une (for feminine nouns) are used to say "a" or "an" in French. For example, un lion (a lion) or une souris (a mouse).

Using "Je suis": To say "I am" an animal in French, you use the phrase je suis followed by the animal's name. For example, je suis un lion (I am a lion).

Phonics and Pronunciation: Pay attention to key sounds like CH, OU, ON, and OI, and silent letters (e.g., the "d" in canard is silent).

Key Facts

Gender and Articles: French nouns can be masculine or feminine, and this affects which article to use. For example, un (masculine) and une (feminine).

Je suis: The verb être (to be) is used to describe being an animal, as in "je suis" (I am).

Pronunciation Tip: Liaison occurs when a normally silent consonant is pronounced in front of a vowel (e.g., je suis un oiseau sounds like "je swi zun oiseau").

Check it out!

Useful Phrases:

Je suis un cheval - I am a horse.

Je suis un lapin - I am a rabbit.

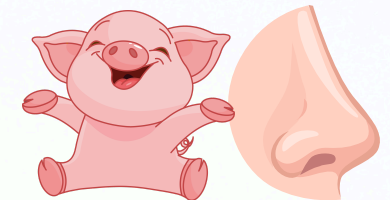
Je suis une vachie - I am a cow.

Je suis une souris - I am a mouse.

Phonics Tips:

The **CH** sound is pronounced like **SH** in cheval

Je suis un cochon



The **ON** sound in cochon is a nasal sound

Silent Letters in French



Tip:

In French, many words have silent letters.

For example:

The 's' in 'souris' is not pronounced.



Key Questions

How do we say "I am" followed by an animal name in French?

What is the difference between un and une when talking about animals?

What are some common animal names in French?

Learning Objectives

I will learn how to say "I am" followed by an animal name in French.

I will understand when to use un or une with animal names.

I will know the names of 10 animals in French and how to say them correctly.

Memory Tips



Je suis

Always use **je suis** before an animal name (e.g. *je suis un lion.*)

Un vs. Une

Remember that **un** is for masculine animals (e.g. *un lion*) and **une** is for feminine animals (e.g. *une vache*)



Famous Animals in French Fables



French Culture

Le coq: The **cockerel** is the national symbol of France, seen in sports and history.

Le Chat Noir: The Black Cat represents Paris's art and cultural scene.



Self-Assessment

I can say "I am" followed by an animal name in French



I can correctly use un and une with animal names



I can name 10 animals in French and pronounce them correctly



My Reflections



Which animal names do I like learning the most in French?
How can I improve my pronunciation?