

## GENDER

- Words that end in e usually feminine;  
Ending in consonant – masculine  
-MENT ending is masculine  
(exception: la jument Why?)
- -té ending is feminine. (Exception: le côté)
- -ée ending is feminine. (Exception: le trophée; le musée; le lycée)
- -ence and -ance endings are feminine. (Exception: le silence)
- -eur ending is masculine for doers (eg. acteur);
- -eur ending is feminine for abstract nouns (EXCEPTION:  
Le bonheur, le malheur)
- -tion ending is .....?
- Fruits and flowers are feminine

Trees are masculine.

Not accidental, but logical: la pomme; le pommier  
because of endings

NB le citron - le raisin. Why?

Midi and Minuit are masculine

Therefore, not accidental, but logical, that demi has no e after them.

Using those few rules you need now learn the gender of no more than 100 nouns in C. Thornton-Smith's Graded French Vocabulary Topics.