

**The noun classes and the definite and indefinite articles**

Noun class	Name example	Definite ( <b>THE</b> )	Indefinite ( <b>A</b> )	
<b>m-</b>	Muus = cat	Muus <b>mi</b>	<b>Am</b> muus	
<b>g-</b>	Ginaar = chicken	Ginaar <b>gi</b>	<b>Ag</b> ginaar	
<b>w-</b>	Waañ = kitchen	Waañ <b>wi</b>	<b>Aw</b> waañ	
<b>b-</b>	Saag = bag	Saag <b>bi</b>	<b>Ab</b> saag	
		NAME + <b>THE</b>	<b>A</b> + NAME	

**NB:**

The noun classes are different in the singular form. However, they have the same plural forms. The plural of the definite articles (mi , bi , gi , wi , etc.) is **yi**. The plural form of the indefinite articles (am, ab, ag, aw, etc.) is **ay**. See the table below for more details.

Examples of definite	English translation	Examples of indefinite	English translation
Muus <b>yi</b>	The cats	<b>Ay</b> muus	Cats
Ginaar <b>yi</b>	The chickens	<b>Ay</b> ginaar	Chickens
Waañ <b>yi</b>	The kitchens	<b>Ay</b> waañ	Kitchens
Saag <b>yi</b>	The bags	<b>Ay</b> saag	Bags