**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.