

- proper names.
- pronouns
- self-contained entities

--There is no indefinite article to indicate a lack of particularization...like the "a" or "an" of English.

--Therefore words not marked as definite are assumed to be indefinite.

--The mark of definition is the prefix ה pointed with and having a dagesh forte in the following consonant. If that consonant will not take a dagesh forte, well let's see some examples first....

סוס	"horse"	הסוס	"the horse"
איש	"man"	האיש	"the man" *
מלך	"king"	המלך	"the king"

--The articular designation is the same for masculine and feminine words.

--But note: if the word is in the construct position, it will never have the definite article. But if the word to which it is construct has the definite article, then the joined word is also definite..even though it does not have the article.
Note these:

בן מלך	"a son of a king"
בן המלך	"the son of the king"

--You cannot say "a son of the king" although there are other ways of doing that in Hebrew.

3. Number

The property of nouns in Hebrew is a bit more complicated than it is in English by the presence of a dual form.