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- a. The Norwegian sentences and their English translations have been mixed up. Match the correct English translation to its Norwegian counterpart.

1. Bussen stanser her.	a. A woman has the apple.
2. Jeg har en bil.	b. I have an apple.
3. Bilen stanser her.	c. The bus stops here.
4. Jeg har eplet.	d. The woman has cars.
5. Jeg har et eple.	e. The car stops here.
6. En kvine har eplet.	f. I have buses.
7. Kvina har biler.	g. The woman has the cars.
8. Kvina har bilene.	h. I have the apple.
9. Jeg har busser.	i. The women stop here.
10. Kvinnene stanser her.	j. I have a car.

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- b. Nouns in Norwegian can belong to one of three classes: Common (masculine-feminine), Feminine, or Neuter. The class determines how the noun can be used with determiners (words such as “the”, “a”, “an”) and be made plural. The nouns you encountered above are all regular and feature examples of all three classes:

Norwegian noun	Noun Class
kvine	Feminine
bil	Common
eple	Neuter

Here are some more regular Norwegian nouns:

Norwegian noun	Class	English Translation
jente	Feminine	girl
hund	Common	dog
hotel	Neuter	hotel

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Now, translate the following into Norwegian:

11. A bus stops here. =

12. A girl has a hotel. =

13. I have the dogs. =

14. The girl has dogs. =

c. Here is a little more Norwegian vocabulary without any information about the classes the slightly irregular nouns belong to.

Norwegian word	English translation
sko	shoe
mann	man
ikke	not

With what you have learnt about Norwegian nouns, translate the following sentences from Norwegian into English:

15. Mennene har epler. =

16. Kvina har ikke skoene. =

17. Jeg har ikke eplene. =

18. Hundet har skoen. =