

- As you already know, all nouns in Spanish have gender. (Masculine, Feminine)
- You can tell a gender of a noun by looking at the ARTICLE that goes in front of it.

DEFINITE ARTICLES (ways to say "THE")

	Singular	Plural
Masculine	EL	LOS
Feminine	LA	LAS

- Almost all nouns that end in -O are masculine.
- Almost all nouns that end in -A are feminine.
- Like everything else in Spanish there are exceptions. (el día, el programa, la mano)
- For words that don't end in O/A there are other helpful ways to identify their gender.
- Nouns that end in -L, -O, -N, -E, -R, -S are masculine. (Remember LONERS)
- Nouns that end in -D, -ión, -Z, -A are feminine. (Remember DIONZA)

Choose the correct definite article for each noun or group of nouns and write it in the blank.

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| 1. _____ libro | 2. _____ escuela | 3. _____ doctor |
| 4. _____ carpetas | 5. _____ estudiantes | 6. _____ profesora |
| 7. _____ cuadernos | 8. _____ pupitre | 9. _____ muchachos |
| 10. _____ bolígrafo | 11. _____ grapadoras | 12. _____ amigas |
| 13. _____ hotel | 14. _____ burritos | 15. _____ vacación |
| 16. _____ actor | 17. _____ ciudad | 18. _____ música |

- There is also a set of INDEFINITE articles in Spanish. (Ways to say "A", and "SOME")

	Singular	Plural
Masculine	UN	UNOS
Feminine	UNA	UNAS

- The rules for choosing which indefinite article to use are the same as the definite articles.

Choose the correct indefinite article for each noun or group of nouns and write it in the blank.

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| 1. _____ muchacha | 2. _____ familia | 3. _____ casas |
| 4. _____ coche | 5. _____ mochilas | 6. _____ sol |
| 7. _____ estudiantes | 8. _____ profesor | 9. _____ piscina |
| 10. _____ tacos | 11. _____ pizza | 12. _____ amigos |
| 13. _____ canción | 14. _____ habilidad | 15. _____ guitarras |
| 16. _____ insecto | 17. _____ composición | 18. _____ matador |

MAKING NOUNS PLURAL

- To make nouns plural follow these rules:
- For nouns that end in a vowel --> add an "S"
- For nouns that end in a consonant --> add an "ES"
- For nouns that end in "Z", change the "Z" to a "C" and then add "ES"

Practice making each of these nouns plural in Spanish. Remember to change the article in front of the word as well as the ending of the word.

NOUNS WITH DEFINITE ARTICLES

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| 1. el estudiante _____ | 2. la muchacha _____ |
| 3. la vecina _____ | 4. el bolígrafo _____ |
| 5. la clase _____ | 6. el vestido _____ |
| 7. la camisa _____ | 8. el profesor _____ |
| 9. el médico _____ | 10. la corbata _____ |
| 11. el lápiz _____ | 12. el teléfono _____ |
| 13. la revista _____ | 14. el periódico _____ |
| 15. el hotel _____ | 16. la composición _____ |

NOUNS WITH INDEFINITE ARTICLES

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| 17. un estudiante _____ | 18. una doctora _____ |
| 19. una grapadora _____ | 20. un sacapuntas _____ |
| 21. una hoja de papel _____ | 22. una computadora _____ |
| 23. una televisión _____ | 24. un examen _____ |
| 25. una ensalada _____ | 26. un muchacho _____ |
| 27. una hamburguesa _____ | 28. un burrito _____ |
| 29. un día _____ | 30. un reloj _____ |

Make these plural nouns singular, don't forget to change the article!

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| 31. unos profesores _____ | 32. unas ciudades _____ |
| 33. unas directoras _____ | 34. unos coches _____ |
| 35. unas pizzas _____ | 36. unos estudiantes _____ |
| 37. unas mochilas _____ | 38. unos amigos _____ |
| 39. unos gatos _____ | 40. unas frutas _____ |