



SP03: Nouns & Articles

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Learning Outcomes: You will

- ✓ Learn that most nouns in Spanish have a gender.
- ✓ Identify the gender for common classroom items.
- ✓ Determine the appropriate article for the given noun.

Section 1: Form

Feminine or Masculine Suffixes

Spanish nouns can be masculine (*m*) or feminine (*f*). You can often determine the gender by identifying the *o* for masculine and *a* for feminine. (However, there are some exceptions.)

el libro (*m*), el teléfono (*m*)

la mesa (*f*), la computadora (*f*)

Definite Articles: Gender and Number

Articles *el/los* and *la/las* are **definite** articles that mean “the.” Articles *el* (*m.*) and *la* (*f.*) are for singular nouns. Articles *los* (*m.*) and *las* (*f.*) are used for plural nouns. You need to add an *-s* or *-es* to the end of the noun if you use plural articles *los* and *las*.

Masculine Word Endings

Singular

Plural

-o	<i>el</i> cuaderno	<i>los</i> cuadernos
-or	<i>el</i> profesor	<i>los</i> profesores
-ista	<i>el</i> turista	<i>los</i> turistas
-ma	<i>el</i> problema	<i>los</i> problemas
-s	<i>el</i> país	<i>los</i> países





Feminine Word Endings	Singular	Plural
-a	<i>la</i> chica	<i>las</i> chicas
-ora	<i>la</i> profesora	<i>las</i> profesoras
-ista	<i>la</i> turista	<i>las</i> turistas
-ción	<i>la</i> lección	<i>las</i> lecciones
-dad	<i>la</i> nacionalidad	<i>las</i> nacionalidades

Indefinite Articles: Gender and Number

Un/unos (m.) and *una/unas* (f.) are indefinite articles that mean “a.” *Un* (m.) and *una* (f.) are used for singular nouns. *Unos* (m.) and *unas* (f.) are used in front of plural nouns. You also need to add an *-s* or *-es* to the end of the noun if you use *unos/unas*.

un libro (a book) → unos libros (some books)

una mesa (a table) → unas mesas (some tables)

The Definite Article	Singular	Plural
Masculine	El chico	Los chicos
Feminine	La chica	Las chicas
The Indefinite Article	Singular	Plural
Masculine	Un chico	Unos chicos
Feminine	Una chica	Unas chicas





Section 2: Gender & Number Practice

Determine if the following nouns are **masculine** or **feminine**. Write **M** or **F**.

poema:

identidad:

pianista:

escritorio:

pizarra:

Now, determine if the following nouns are **singular** or **plural**. Write **S** or **P**.

maestros:

reloj:

problemas:

manos:

chico:

pasajeros:

lecciones:

lápices:

Section 3: Practice

Singular vs. Plural

If a word is singular, write its plural form. If it is plural, write its singular form. Make sure to include an article in your answer.

1. las maletas
2. el cuaderno
3. una palabra
4. los videos
5. un diario
6. la conversación
7. el país
8. una joven
9. unas estudiantes
10. la mujer

Video

Now, please watch a brief review in Section 3 on [the LLC Spanish Tutoring website](#). Then, **at the 1:59 minute mark**, fill in the blank with the correct indefinite article (*un, una, unos, unas*) that matches with the noun.

1. uva

3. casas

2. bolígrafos

4. gato





Fill in the blanks: Definite Articles

Fill in the blanks with the correct **definite** article: *la, las, el, los*.

1. pintor Botero es de Colombia.
2. computadoras son del Language Learning Center.
3. comida de Mt. SAC es costosa (expensive).
4. estacionamiento es grande.
5. profesores ayudan a los estudiantes.

Fill in the blanks: Indefinite Articles

Fill in the blanks with the correct **indefinite** article: *un, unos, una, unas*.

1. Hay (there is) manzana.
2. estudiantes leen mucho.
3. amigas almuerzan (lunch) juntas (together) todos los días.
4. Yo tengo (I have) exámenes en abril.

Section 4: Sentences

Write a sentence for each of these classroom objects: *a pen, pencils, a book, and erasers*. If you forget which form to use, visit [SpanishDict](#) for help.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.







Section 5: Review with a tutor!

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