

Word Gender & Articles

- español is a language that is spoken in 20 countries (países)
- our vowels (vocales) are only pronounced one way (English has many more)
- nouns (person, place, thing, idea) in Spanish have a gender; some can be both genders

Masculine words: end in "o" Example: piso (floor) is masculine
libro (book) also masculine
chico (boy)
perro (dog--male)

Feminine words: end in "a, -ción, -sión, -dad" are all feminine
Example: planta (plant)
lección (lesson)
excursión (outing/trip)
libertad (freedom)
felicidad (happiness)
chica (girl)
perra (dog--female)

NOTE: did you see how girl, and dog both change genders?

- when you look up a word in the dictionary or on wordreference.com in English to Spanish, the word in Spanish will show "M" or "F" if the word is Masculine or Feminine
- you NEED to know what the gender of a noun for later use ;)
- NUMBER: words in Spanish (like English) can be plural too
EXAMPLE: los libros (the books); las plantas (the plants)
los chicos (the kids either all boys or boys & girls);
los perros (the dogs; all boy dogs or both boy and girl dogs)
When you have a mixed gender, always use Masculine!!!
EX: gatos (1 boy kitty, 1 girl kitty),
chicos (kids probably mixed but this could also be boys)
However it could also be all masculine, you know in context of how it is used.
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Articles in Spanish (2 kinds)

- definite: English translation of "the;" noun must agree gender & number

	singular	plural
masculine	el	los
feminine	la	las

- indefinite: English translation (a, one, an, some); noun must agree gender & number

	singular	plural
masculine	un	unos
feminine	una	unas

- From the previous exercise of deciding what the gender of the word is, could you also put both types of articles?
- NOTE: you only use ONE type of article at a time; it depends on what you want to say which one you use
- I have a dog (I would use an indefinite article un cuz Scrappy is a boy)
- My brother has the car keys (I would use definite because they are the specific keys that go to our car).
- How about this classic question: "May I have some fries?" You went to Wendy's and their fries are the bomb! So of course your friends wants some. Would your friend use a definite or indefinite article? Which one?

Word Gender Practice: (or [excel sheet](#))

Word	Gender
1. cine: the movies (theater)	
2. estación: station/season	
3. película: the movie	
4. metro: meter, subway	
5. pantalla: screen	
6. propina: the tip	
7. teatro: the theater	
8. cuenta: the bill	
9. escena: the scene	
10. mesa: the table	
11. mesero: waiter/waitress	
12. camarero: waiter/tress	
13. autor(a): author	
14. restaurante: restaurante	
15. obra: work (of art)	
16. orquesta: orchestra	
17. músico(a): musician	
18. taquilla: ticket office	
19. concierto: concert	
20. sesión: meeting	
21. estatua: statue	
22. cola: line	
23. fila: line	
24. cuadro: painting	

25. entrada: entrance	
26. butaca: orchestra seat	
27. museo: museum	
28. escultor(a): sculptor	
29. exposición: exhibition	
30. ejemplo: example	
31. computadora: computer	
32. fin de semana: weekend	
33. piso: floor	
34. familia: family	
35. clase: class	
36. reunion: meeting	
37. ensayo: essay	
38. entrenamiento: training/practice	
39. profesor: professor	
40. perrita: puppy	