

Masculine

(masculino)

PREGUNTA : Which nouns are masculine?

Feminine

(femenino)

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Nouns that end in the following:

- 1) -o Example: el libro – the book
- 2) Most consonants (There are always exceptions.) Example: el papel – the paper
- 3) -ma Example: el programa – the program
el tema – the theme / topic
el poema – the poem

THERE ARE ALWAYS EXCEPTIONS

Nouns that end in the following:

- 1) -a Example: la casa – the house
- 2) -ión Example: la lección – the lesson
la nación – the nation
- 3) -dad Example: la ciudad – the city
la actividad – the activity
- 4) -dad Example: la libertad – liberty
- 5) -tud Example: la actitud – attitude
- 6) -umbre Example: la costumbre - custom

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1) Some nouns are either masculine or feminine. You have to learn and remember these.

1. -e Example: la clase – class
 el coche - car
2. - nte Example: el estudiante – boy student
 la estudiante – girl student
3. - ista Example: el dentista – male dentist
 la dentista – female dentist

2) Natural Gender: In some nouns, the gender is obvious.

Examples: el padre/la papá – father
 el chico / el muchacho – boy
 el hermano – brother
 la madre / la mamá – mother
 la chicha / la muchacha – girl
 la hermana – sister

PLURAL FORMS

- 1) Nouns that end in vowels (a, e, i, o, u) can be made plural by adding -s.

EXAMPLES: el libro - los libros (the book - the books)

una casa - unas casas (a house - some houses)

- 2) Nouns that end in a consonant can be made plural by adding -es.

EXAMPLES: el mes - los meses (the month - the months)

un marcador - unos marcadores (a marker - some markers)

- 3) If a noun ends in -z, change the -z into a -c and then add -es to form the plural.

EXAMPLES: el lápiz - los lápices (the pencil - the pencils)

una actriz - unas actrices (an actress - some actresses)

- 4) Some nouns are always plural.

EXAMPLES: las gafas (the sunglasses)

las tijeras (the scissors)

Tema: ARTICLES IN SPANISH – Definite (The) and Indefinite (a, an) Articles

Masculine

el, los – the
un – a, an
unos – some

Feminine

la, las – the
una – a, an
unas – some

Singular Plural

Definite Articles

el

los

Indefinite Articles

un

unos

EXAMPLES:

el chico – the boy

los chicos – the boys

un chico – a boy

unos chicos – some boys

Singular Plural

Definite Articles

la

las

Indefinite Articles

una

unas

EXAMPLES:

la chica – the girl

las chicas – the girls

una chica – a girl

unas chicas – some girls