

HDHS #6: Artículos y Sustantivos

- The name of a person, place or thing is a noun. In Spanish, every noun has a gender, either masculine or feminine. Almost all nouns that end in **-O** are **masculine** and almost all nouns that end in **-A** are **feminine**.
- "**The**" in English is called a **definite article**. In Spanish, there are four words to say "the". They are "**el, la, los, las.**" The definite article must agree with the **gender** and **number** of the noun that follows it.

Artículos Definidos	Masculino		Feminino	
	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
	el	los	la	las

MASCULINO		FEMININO	
SINGULAR	PLURAL	SINGULAR	PLURAL
el muchacho	→ los muchachos	la muchacha	→ las muchachas
el amigo	→ los amigos	la amiga	→ las amigas
el curso	→ los cursos	la escuela	→ las escuelas

- "**A, an, a few, some**" in English are called **indefinite articles**. In Spanish, there are four words also. They are "**un, una, unos, unas.**" Just like definite articles, the indefinite article must agree with the **gender** and **number** of the noun that follows it.

Artículos Indefinidos	Masculino		Feminino	
	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
	un	unos	una	unas

MASCULINO		FEMININO	
SINGULAR	PLURAL	SINGULAR	PLURAL
un muchacho	→ unos muchachos	una muchacha	→ unas muchachas
un amigo	→ unos amigos	una amiga	→ unas amigas
un curso	→ unos cursos	una escuela	→ unas escuelas

- Note that when a noun ends in **-E**, you have to learn whether it is masculine or feminine.

el continente	→ los continentes	la clase	→ las clases
un continente	→ unos continentes	una clase	→ unas clases

- In Spanish, as well as in other languages that assign different genders to nouns, the gender of the word does not always seem logical. Whereas some words are masculine or feminine because they refer to a male or female, most of the time the gender of the word has very little to do with the word's meaning.

LA PRÁCTICA

A. Completa con el, la, los, o las.

1. _____ amigo
2. _____ muchacha
3. _____ escuela
4. _____ alumnos
5. _____ amigas
6. _____ muchachos
7. _____ cursos
8. _____ alumno

B. Completa con un, una, unos, o unas.

1. _____ amigo
2. _____ muchacha
3. _____ escuela
4. _____ alumnos
5. _____ amigas
6. _____ muchachos
7. _____ cursos
8. _____ alumno

C. Contesta con Sí. María y Pedro son amigos de los Estados Unidos.

1. ¿Es norteamericano el muchacho?

2. ¿Y la muchacha? ¿Es norteamericana?

3. ?sogima sol sonaciremaetron noSj

4. ¿Son los muchachos alumnos buenos?

5. ¿Es Pedro un amigo de María?

6. Es María una amiga de Pedro?
