DEFINITE ARTICLES

The definite article indicates the gender (masculine or feminine) and number (singular or plural) of a noun. Remember that in general, nouns that end with the letter ***"o"*** are masculine, while nouns that end with the letter ***"a"*** are feminine. It is helpful to memorize new nouns with the correct definite article. ***El/la/los/las*** are equivalent to "the."

Masculino (Masculine)	**Femenino (Feminine)**
***Singular* (Singular):**	
el libro (the book)	***la mesa*** (the table)
***Plural* (Plural):**	
los libros (the books)	***las mesas*** (the tables)

To make a word plural in Spanish:

If the word ends with a vowel, add ***"s"***
Example:

libro (book)	***libros*** (books)

If the word ends with a consonant, add ***"es"***
Example:

cartel (poster)	***carteles*** (posters)

If a word ends with ***"z,"*** drop the ***"z"*** and add ***"ces"***
Example:

lápiz (pencil)	***lápices*** (pencils)

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The indefinite article indicates gender (masculine or feminine) and number (singular or plural). In general, nouns that end with the letter ***"o"*** are masculine and nouns that end with the letter ***"a"*** are feminine. You will have to memorize the gender of nouns that do not end in ***"o"*** or ***"a."***

***Masculino* (Masculine)**	***Femenino* (Feminine)**
***Singular* (Singular):**	
un libro (a book)	***una mesa*** (a table)
un lápiz (a pencil)	***una voz*** (a voice)
***Plural* (Plural):**	
unos libros (some books)	***unas mesas*** (some tables)
unos lápices (some pencils)	***unas voces*** (some voices)

***un/una* is the equivalent of "a/an."**
***unos/unas* is the equivalent of "some."**

Nouns referring to people will use the indefinite article of the gender for that person.

Examples:
una mujer (a woman)
un hombre (a man)
un profesor (a teacher—male)
una profesora (a teacher—female)

Some nouns for people end in ***"-ista."*** They will use that ending whether referring to a male or female. The indefinite article will change accordingly.

Examples:
un dentista (a dentist—male)
una dentista (a dentist—female)
un artista (an artist—male)
una artista (an artist—female)