

Masculine and Feminine in Spanish



Key Information

Nouns are words that name people, places, things and ideas. In Spanish, all nouns are either **masculine** or **feminine**.

masculine

Masculine nouns have **el** (the) or **un** (a/an) in front of them.

feminine

Feminine nouns have **la** (the) or **una** (a/an) in front of them.

As a general rule we could say that words that end with **-o** are **masculine** and words that end with **-a** are **feminine**.

But not always!

E.g.

el gorila/
un gorila



la mano/
una mano



Remember

When you learn a new Spanish word, you also need to learn if it's **masculine (m.)** or **feminine (f.)**.

E.g.

el perro/
un perro



la cama/
una cama



Words that end with **-e** or **consonant** can be either **masculine** or **feminine**.

E.g.

el tomate/
un tomate



la llave/
una llave



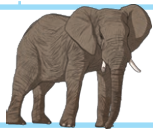
el tractor/
un tractor



la sartén/
una sartén



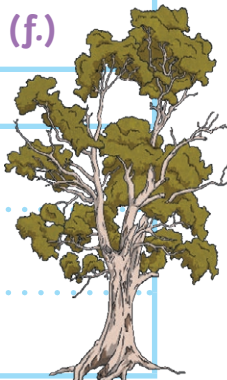
Write the correct determiner for each noun depending on whether it's **masculine** or **feminine**. The first one has been done for you.



the cat	<u>el</u> gato (m.)	the elephant	_____ elefante (m.)
a tree	_____ árbol (m.)	a wardrobe	_____ armario (m.)
the house	_____ casa (f.)	a mother	_____ madre (f.)
a parrot	_____ loro (m.)	a star	_____ estrella (f.)
the light	_____ luz (f.)	the mirror	_____ espejo (m.)
a table	_____ mesa (f.)	the shepherd	_____ pastor (f.)

Challenge!

the piano	_____ piano	a soup	_____ sopa
the face	_____ cara	the glass	_____ vaso
a colour	_____ color	the honey	_____ miel



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Answers



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the light	<u>la</u> luz (f.)	the mirror	<u>el</u> espejo (m.)
a table	<u>una</u> mesa (f.)	the shepherd	<u>el</u> pastor (f.)

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