

Did You Get It? *Presentación de gramática*

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Goal: Learn about definite and indefinite articles.

Gender and Number

In Spanish, all nouns are either masculine or feminine. Like in English, all nouns are also singular or plural. Read the following sentences paying attention to the boldfaced letters.

el libro	(<i>the book</i>)	los libros	(<i>the books</i>)
la chica	(<i>the girl</i>)	las chicas	(<i>the girls</i>)
el hombre	(<i>the man</i>)	los hombres	(<i>the men</i>)
la mujer	(<i>the woman</i>)	las mujeres	(<i>the women</i>)

EXPLANATION: Nouns ending in **-o** in Spanish are usually *masculine*. Nouns ending in **-a** are usually *feminine*. Some words do not end with **-o** or **-a**. To form the plural of a noun, add **-s** if it ends in a vowel. Add **-es** if it ends in a consonant.

Definite Articles

Definite articles are used with nouns to indicate specific persons, places, or things. Read these sentences, paying special attention to the boldfaced words.

El libro es bueno.	(<i>The book is good.</i>)
La mujer es alta.	(<i>The woman is tall.</i>)
Los libros son buenos.	(<i>The books are good.</i>)
Las mujeres son altas.	(<i>The women are tall.</i>)

EXPLANATION: English has one definite article: *the*. Spanish has four: **el, la, los, las**. The definite article must agree in gender and number with the noun following it.

Indefinite Articles

Indefinite articles are used with nouns to indicate *unspecific* persons, places, or things. Read these sentences, paying special attention to the boldfaced words.

Es un artista.	(<i>He is an artist.</i>)
Es una mujer.	(<i>She is a woman.</i>)
Son unos correos electrónicos.	(<i>They are some emails.</i>)
Son unas mujeres.	(<i>They are some women.</i>)

EXPLANATION: English has three indefinite articles: *a, an, some*. Spanish has four: **un, una, unos, unas**. Like definite articles, indefinite articles must agree in gender and number with the nouns following them.

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Goal: Learn about definite and indefinite articles.

1 Write the correct definite article.

el	la	los	las
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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1. _____ amigo | 6. _____ hombres |
| 2. _____ chicas | 7. _____ personas |
| 3. _____ maestros | 8. _____ amiga |
| 4. _____ mujer | 9. _____ estudiante |
| 5. _____ hombre | 10. _____ maestras |

2 Write the correct indefinite article.

un	una	unos	unas
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- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. _____ guitarra | 6. _____ teléfonos |
| 2. _____ libros | 7. _____ correo electrónico |
| 3. _____ deporte | 8. _____ bicicletas |
| 4. _____ correos electrónicos | 9. _____ libro |
| 5. _____ bicicleta | 10. _____ televisión |

3 Write the following in Spanish.

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a book _____ | 6. some teachers _____ |
| 2. a skateboard _____ | 7. a female friend _____ |
| 3. the woman _____ | 8. some friends _____ |
| 4. some girls _____ | 9. the guitar _____ |
| 5. the television _____ | 10. an ice cream _____ |



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4 Complete the sentences with the correct indefinite article.

1. Es _____ pizza.
2. Son _____ helados.
3. Es _____ helado.
4. Es _____ fruta.
5. Son _____ papas fritas.
6. Es _____ refresco.

5 Complete the sentences with the correct definite article.

1. Son _____ helados.
2. Son _____ refrescos.
3. Son _____ pizzas.
4. Es _____ jugo.
5. Es _____ fruta.
6. Son _____ papas fritas.

6 Write the following in Spanish.

1. She is a woman. _____
2. They are some friends. _____
3. He is a friend. _____
4. They are some girls. _____
5. He is the student. _____
6. He is a man. _____



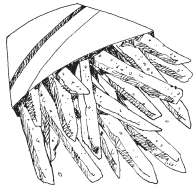
¿Recuerdas? *Snack Foods*

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- Here are the Spanish names of some snack foods.



las galletas



las papas fritas



la pizza



el helado



el jugo



el agua

Práctica

- 1 Write the name of each snack food and drink in Spanish.



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



6.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- 2 What do you like to eat and drink . . .

- . . . in the summer? _____
- . . . in the morning? _____
- . . . for dinner? _____
- . . . in the winter? _____
- . . . for dessert? _____



¿Recuerdas?

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Gustar + an infinitive

- You can use the verb **gustar** and an infinitive to talk about things people like to do.
For example:

Me gusta correr. (*I like to run.*)

Nos gusta correr. (*We like to run.*)

Te gusta correr. (*You like to run.*)

Os gusta correr. (*You like to run.*)

Le gusta correr. (*He/She/You likes to run.*)

Les gusta correr. (*They/You like to run.*)

- When you want to emphasize or identify who likes to do something, add the corresponding noun or pronoun preceded by **a**:

A Marta le gusta correr.

A ella le gusta correr.

Marta likes to run.

She likes to run.

- These are the *pronouns* that follow **a**.

A mí me gusta correr. (*I*)

A nosotros(as) nos gusta correr. (*We*)

A ti te gusta correr. (*You*)

A vosotros(as) os gusta correr. (*You*)

A usted le gusta correr. (*You*)

A ustedes les gusta correr. (*You*)

A él o ella le gusta correr. (*He or She*)

A ellos(as) les gusta correr. (*They*)

Práctica

- ① Write these sentences in Spanish.

- Juan likes to write emails. _____
- Alex likes to study. _____
- We like to drink water. _____
- They like to play football. _____
- I like to eat fruit. _____
- My father likes to read. _____
- You (*plural*) like to eat. _____
- She likes to spend time with friends. _____
- He likes to draw. _____
- We like to rest. _____

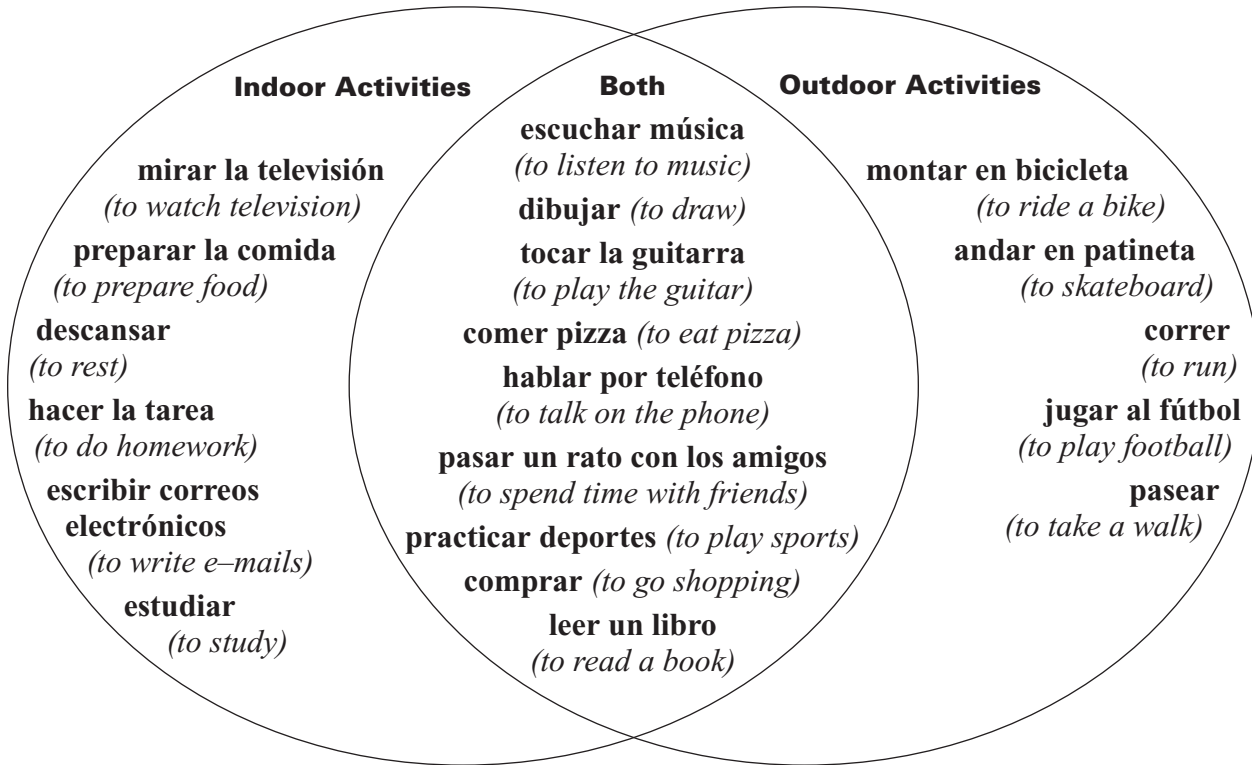


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After-school Activities

- Here are some expressions for after-school activities.



Práctica

- What do you like to do most? Follow the model.

Modelo: ¿Qué actividad te gusta más, practicar deportes o pasear? Me gusta más pasear.

 - ¿Hablar por teléfono o escribir correos electrónicos? _____
 - ¿Leer o escribir? _____
 - ¿Escuchar música o mirar la televisión? _____
- What do the following people like to do?

 - Julio es atlético. Le gusta _____
 - Anita es artística. Le gusta _____
 - Susana es simpática. Le gusta _____
- Complete the sentence telling two activities that you like to do and two activities that you don't like to do.

Me gusta _____

No me gusta _____