



Learning
Target:

I can identify masculine & feminine nouns.

Los sustantivos

We know that all nouns in Spanish have number & gender.

How do I know if a noun is masculine or feminine? ☹️ NOT QUITE SO EASY ...

1. Think about the meaning of the word.



If the definition of the word refers to a boy or a man (son, brother, father, etc.), the noun is masculine.



If the definition of the word refers to a girl or a woman (daughter, sister, mother, etc.), the noun is feminine.

2. Look at the ending of the word.

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Masculine nouns often but NOT always end in

L . O . N . E . R . S .



Feminine nouns often but NOT always end

D . ión . Z . A .

3. **HOWEVER**, there are some nouns that do not follow a pattern at all. It is VERY IMPORTANT to know each noun's gender. So, if you cannot determine a noun's gender using one of the above 2 strategies, you will need to look the noun up on your vocab list

el = masculine, la = feminine.

You will need to memorize the gender of these "tricky" ones.



Can I change the gender of a noun? No! Never, never!!!