

Los sustantivos

(nouns)



I can make singular nouns plural (number).

F.O.L. #1 (fact of life #1) ALL nouns in Spanish have ...

number and gender

This means that every Spanish noun—person, place, thing or idea—is...

- singular
- or
- plural



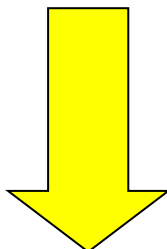
How do I know if a noun is singular or plural?

☺ EASY! Plural nouns end in - S.

Can I make a singular noun plural? YUP!

- If a noun ends in a vowel, you make it plural simply by adding s.
- If a noun ends in a consonant, you make it plural by adding es.
- If a noun ends in a Z, you must first change the Z to C, and then add es.
- If a noun ends in ón, remove the written accent when you add -es.

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I can identify masculine & feminine nouns (gender).

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.



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!!!