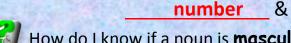
More about Number and Gender

Due to **F.O.L. #1** we know that **ALL** nouns in Spanish have number & gender .



How do I know if a noun is masculine or feminine? SO EASY ...

1. First, think about the <u>meaning</u> of the word.



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



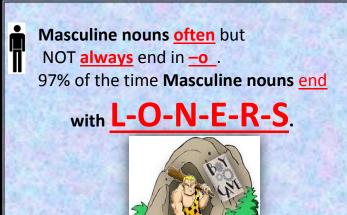
If the definition of the word refers to a girl or a woman (daughter, sister, mother, etc.), the noun is **feminine**.





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end of the word.





So 3% of the words need to be memorized.



Feminine nouns often but

NOT always end in -a.

98% of the time Feminine nouns end

With D-ION-Z-A.





So 2% of the words need to be memorized.

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 **CAN'T** rely on the 2 strategies above, you will need to 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, Nunca (never)!