

# 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? ☹️ NOT SO EASY ...


1. First, 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. Then,  at the end of the word.



Masculine nouns often but NOT always end in -o.  
97% of the time Masculine nouns end

with L-O-N-E-R-S.



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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.



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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)!