Repaso: Los sustantivos (the nouns)

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

number   and   **gender**

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

- _____ **singular** _____

OR

- _____ **plural** _____

- _____ **femenino** _____

OR

- _____ **masculino** _____

- How do I know if a noun is **singular** or **plural**?
- ☺ **EASY!** Plural nouns end in - _____ **s** _____.
- Can I make a singular noun plural? __ **¡Sí!** __

- If a noun ends in a **VOWEL**, you can make it plural simply by adding _____ **s** _____.
- If a noun ends in a **CONSONANT**, you can make it plural by adding _____ **es** _____.
- If a noun ends in a **Z**, you must first change the **Z** to a __ **c** __, and then add __ **es** __.
- If a noun ends in **–as, —es, —is, or —os** do ____ **NOT** ____ change, only the article is made plural.

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

Think about the ____ **ending** ____ of the word.

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

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

To determine the gender of the word, look at the __ **ending** __ of the word.

97% of the time **Masculine** nouns END with	98% of the time **Feminine** nouns END with
__**L**__ . __**O**__ . __**N**__ . __**E**__ . __**R**__ . __**S**__ .	__**D**__ . __**ION**__ . __**Z**__ . __**A**__ .
¡ojo! • So **3%** of the words need to be memorized. Many words that end with **–ma & –pa** are masculine.	¡ojo! • So **2% of the words need to be memorized.** Many nouns that end in **–umbre, —ie, —ión, –dad, —tad & –tud** are usually feminine.

- **HOWEVER,** there are some nouns that do not follow a pattern at all. It is very IMPORTANT to know each noun's gender. You will need to ____ **memorize** ____ the gender of these "**TRICKY**" ones.

Can I **change the gender** of a noun? **¡NO, nunca!**