

# **SPANISH LANGUAGE**

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## GENDER OF NOUNS

A noun denotes a person, a thing, a place or an idea. In Spanish, all nouns have gender, they are either masculine or feminine.

MASCULINE	FEMININE
<b>el niño</b>	<b>la niña</b>
the boy	the girl
<b>el libro</b>	<b>la revista</b>
the book	the magazine
<b>el carro</b>	<b>la escuela</b>
the car	the school
<b>el dormitorio</b>	<b>la sala</b>
the bedroom	the living-room

Nouns that end in **-o** are usually masculine and nouns that end in **-a** are usually feminine. However, there are exceptions. The words “el” and “la” are called “**definite articles**” and they will tell you if a word is masculine or feminine. That is why it is important that when you learn a new noun, you learn its definite article.



Some masculine nouns end with a consonant but their feminine form ends with **-a**.

<b>el señor</b>	<b>el profesor</b>
<b>la señora</b>	<b>la profesora</b>

Some nouns have the same word for both, masculine and feminine.

<b>el estudiante</b>	<b>el atleta</b>
<b>la estudiante</b>	<b>la atleta</b>

Nouns that end in **-ción**, **-sión**, **-dad**, **-tad**, **-tud**, **-umbre** are feminine.

<b>la conversación</b>	<b>la ciudad</b>	<b>la gratitud</b>
<b>la televisión</b>	<b>la libertad</b>	<b>la incertidumbre</b>

Some nouns that end in **-a** are masculine.

**FOR EXAMPLE :**

<b>el problema</b>
<b>el mapa</b>

A few nouns that end in **-o** are feminine.

**FOR EXAMPLE :**

<b>la radio</b>	<b>la mano</b>
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## SINGULAR OR PLURAL

Spanish nouns can be singular or plural.

el libro

los libros

la manzana

las manzanas

The definite article “el” and “la” becomes “los” and “las”

## RULES FOR THE PLURAL FORMATION OF NOUNS

If a noun ends in a vowel, add “-s”

la casa

las casas

el niño

los niños

If a noun ends in a consonant, add “-es”

el mes

los meses

la ciudad

las ciudades

If a noun ends in z, add “-es” and change the z to “c”

el lápiz

los lápices

la nariz

las narices

If a noun ends in -ión, add “-es” and drop the accent mark

el camión

los camiones

la conversación

las conversaciones

# PRONOUNS

## SUBJECT PRONOUNS

Subject pronouns tell who is doing the action of the verb.

**Yo** hablo español : *I speak Spanish.*

In Spanish, subject pronouns are usually omitted since the verb indicates the doer of the action.

**Hablo** español. *I speak Spanish.*

SUBJECT PRONOUNS		
1 <sup>st</sup> person singular	<b>yo</b>	I
2 <sup>nd</sup> person singular	<b>tú</b>	you (informal)
	<b>usted</b>	you (formal)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person singular	<b>él</b>	he
	<b>ella</b>	she
1 <sup>st</sup> person plural	<b>nosotros/nosotras</b>	we
2 <sup>nd</sup> person plural	<b>ustedes</b>	you
	<b>vosotros/vosotras*</b>	you (only used in Spain)
3 <sup>rd</sup> person plural	<b>ellos/ellas</b>	they

\*The **vosotros/vosotras** form is used primarily in Spain. In Latin America the **ustedes** form is used. Spanish has a formal and an informal form for “you.” The form “usted” is formal and is used to express respect. The form “tú” is informal and is used when speaking to someone younger than you, or someone you are very familiar with, such as friends and relatives.



## DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

The direct object answers the question “what?” or “whom?” The direct object is often replaced with a pronoun. The pronoun comes before the conjugated verb and it must agree in gender and number with the noun.

**Yo compro flores.**

**Yo las compro.**

*I buy flowers.*

*I buy them.*

**Él compra un libro**

**Él lo compra.**

*He buys a book.*

*He buys it.*

**Ella no lee una revista.**

**Ella no la lee.**

*She doesn't read a magazine.*

*She doesn't read it.*

**Te conozco.**

**Ella me ama.**

**Ellos nos aman.**

*I know you.*

*She loves me.*

*They love us.*

The direct object pronoun can also be attached to an infinitive, or before the first verb.

**Yo quiero comprar flores.** *I want to buy flowers.*

**Yo quiero comprárlas.** *I want to buy them.*

**Ella quiere leer un libro.** *She wants to read a book.*

**Ella quiere leerlo.** *She wants to read it.*

**Yo quiero comprar flores.** *I want to buy flowers.*

**Yo las quiero comprar.** *I want to buy them.*

## INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

The indirect object answers the question “to whom?” or “for whom?” the action of the verb is performed. The indirect object can be replaced with a pronoun.

**Juan me compra un regalo.** *Juan buys me a gift = Juan buys a gift for me*

**Papá nos compra un carro.** *Dad buys us a car = Dad buys a car for us*

**Ella no te trae el desayuno.** *She doesn't bring breakfast to you.*

## OBJECT PRONOUNS

DIRECT	INDIRECT
<b>me (me)</b>	<b>me (to me, for me)</b>
<b>te (you, informal)</b>	<b>te (to you, for you)</b>
<b>lo (you formal, him, it) la (you formal, her, it)</b>	<b>le (to you, for you, formal) (to him, for him) (to her, for her)</b>
<b>nos (us)</b>	<b>nos (to us, for us)</b>
<b>os (you, informal) *</b>	<b>os (to you, for you) *</b>
<b>los (you formal, them masc.) las (you formal, them fem.)</b>	<b>les (to you, for you, formal) (to them, for them, masc. and fem.)</b>

## POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

Possessive pronouns are similar to possessive adjectives, but they are usually used with the definite article (el, la, los, las).

Este es tu libro y este es el **mío**.  
Él tiene mi mochila y yo la **suya**.

*This is your book and this is mine.  
He has my backpack and I have his.*

## POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS

SINGULAR	PLURAL	MEANING
<b>el mío, la mía</b>	<b>los míos, las mías</b>	<b>mine</b>
<b>el tuyo, la tuya</b>	<b>los tuyos, las tuyas</b>	<b>yours (informal)</b>
<b>el suyo, la suya</b>	<b>los suyos, las suyas</b>	<b>his, hers, yours (formal)</b>
<b>el nuestro, la nuestra</b>	<b>los nuestros, las nuestras</b>	<b>ours</b>
<b>el vuestro, la vuestra *</b>	<b>los vuestros, las vuestras*</b>	<b>yours</b>
<b>el suyo, la suya</b>	<b>los suyos, las suyas</b>	<b>yours (formal), theirs</b>

## CARDINAL NUMBERS

1 uno	11 once	21 veintiuno	31 treinta y uno	300 trescientos
2 dos	12 doce	22 veintidós	40 cuarenta	400 cuatrocientos
3 tres	13 trece	23 veintitrés	50 cincuenta	500 quinientos
4 cuatro	14 catorce	24 veinticuatro	60 sesenta	600 seiscientos
5 cinco	15 quince	25 veinticinco	70 setenta	700 setecientos
6 seis	16 dieciséis	26 veintiséis	80 ochenta	800 ochocientos
7 siete	17 diecisiete	27 veintisiete	90 noventa	900 novecientos
8 ocho	18 dieciocho	28 veintiocho	100 cien	1000 mil
9 nueve	19 diecinueve	29 veintinueve	101 ciento uno	1.000.000 un millón
10 diez	20 veinte	30 treinta	200 doscientos	

## ORDINAL NUMBERS

primero	first
segundo	second
tercero	third
cuarto	fourth
quinto	fifth
sexto	sixth
séptimo	seventh
octavo	eighth
noveno	ninth
décimo	tenth

## VERBS

The infinitive is the basic form of the verb (to learn, to walk). Verbs in the infinitive in Spanish end in **-ar**, **-er**, and **-ir**. These are the most common verbs in the three categories.

<b>-AR VERBS</b>		<b>-ER VERBS</b>		<b>-IR VERBS</b>	
estar	to be	ser	to be	ir	to go
hablar	to speak	conocer	to know	venir	to come
invitar	to invite	saber	to know	decir	to say
gustar	to like	aprender	to learn	abrir	to open
escuchar	to listen	leer	to read	oír	to hear
mirar	to watch	beber	to drink	pedir	to ask for
buscar	to search	ver	to see	recibir	to receive
llamar	to call	tener	to have	escribir	to write
pagar	to pay	hacer	to do, to make	salir	to go out
amar	to love	poder	to be able to, can	sentir	to feel
trabajar	to work	poner	to put	vivir	to live
dar	to give	comprender	to understand	servir	to serve
necesitar	to need	correr	to run	seguir	to continue
estudiar	to study	querer	to want	permitir	to allow
jugar	to play	traer	to bring	ocurrir	to occur
llegar	to arrive	volver	to return	morir	to die
encontrar	to find	mantener	to maintain	existir	to exist
pensar	to think	creer	to believe	partir	to leave
tomar	to take	ofrecer	to offer	preferir	to prefer
empezar	to start	vender	to sell	repetir	to repeat
entrar	to enter	parecer	to seem	decidir	to decide
recordar	to remember				
cambiar	to change				
comprar	to buy				
preguntar	to ask				
ayudar	to help				
organizar	to organize				
preparar	to prepare				
reservar	to reserve				
enviar	to send				
llevar	to take				
bailar	to dance				
caminar	to walk				
usar	to use				
tocar	to touch, to play an instrument				

## THE VERB "HABER"

The verb "haber" is one of the most common verbs in Spanish. In the present tense its form is "hay" and it has two meanings:

**Hay**

there is

there are

**Hay un libro sobre la mesa.**

**Hay dos libros sobre la mesa.**

**There is a book on the table.**

**There are two books on the table.**

**¿Hay un hotel en la ciudad?**

**Is there a hotel in the city?**

**¿Hay tres niños en la sala?**

**Are there three children in the room?**

## SER AND ESTAR

Spanish has two verbs that mean "to be": **ser** and **estar**. They are used in different ways.

SER	ESTAR	ENGLISH
soy	estoy	I am
eres	estás	you are
es	está	he/she/it is
somos	estamos	we are
sois *	estáis*	you all are
son	están	you all/they are

## THE VERB GUSTAR

The verb **gustar** means “to like” and the most common forms used are **gusta** and **gustan**. The literal meaning of **gustar** is “to be pleasing.”

Me gusta este libro      I like this book or This book is pleasing to me.

Use **gusta** for one thing that pleases you or someone else and **gustan** for more than one thing that pleases you or someone else.

¿Te gusta esta casa?      *Do you like this house?*  
¿Te gustan estas casas?      *Do you like these houses?*

GUSTAR	
me gusta/gustan	I like
te gusta/gustan	you like
le gusta/gustan	he/she likes
nos gusta/gustan	we like
os gusta/gustan*	you all like
les gusta/gustan	they like

## THE VERBS CONOCER & SABER

SABER	CONOCER	ENGLISH
sé	conozco	I know
sabes	conoces	you know
sabe	conoce	he/she/ knows
sabemos	conocemos	we know
sabéis*	conocéis*	you all know
saben	conocen	you all/they know

**Saber** and **conocer** express the idea of “to know.” These verbs are not interchangeable. The verb you use depends on the context.

### SABER is used

1- to express knowledge of a fact, information, or the lack of it

Yo **sé** dónde está Pedro.      *I know where Pedro is.*

2- to show how to do something

Él **sabe** cocinar paella.      *He knows how to cook paella.*

3- to say you know something by heart

Yo **sé** su número de teléfono.      *I know his phone number.*

### CONOCER is used

1- to show that one is or is not acquainted with a person, place, or object

Ella no **conoce** España.      *She is not acquainted with Spain.*

## ADVERBS

Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs. They come before the adjectives they modify and they follow the verbs they modify:

Yo corro **muy** rápido.

*I run very fast.*

Ella habla español **perfectamente**.

*She speaks Spanish perfectly.*

Most adjectives are formed by adding **-mente** to the feminine singular form of an adjective. The ending **-mente** equals to **-ly** in English.

perfecta (perfect) = **perfectamente** (perfectly)

clara (clear) = **claramente** (clearly)

generosa (generous) = **generosamente** (generously)

general (general) = **generalmente** (generally)

Some adverbs do not follow any pattern. Here is a list of the most common ones:

Spanish	English
mal	badly
bien	well
bastante	quite
demasiado	too
mucho	a lot
poco	little
siempre	always
nunca	never
muy	very
a menudo	often
a veces	sometimes
ya	already
todavía	still
casi	almost

## IRREGULAR VERBS

	<b>hacer (to do, to make)</b>	<b>tener (to have)</b>	<b>querer (to want)</b>	<b>poder (to be able to)</b>	<b>ir (to go)</b>
yo	hago	tengo	quiero	puedo	voy
tú	haces	tienes	quieres	puedes	vas
él, ella, usted	hace	tiene	quiere	puede	va
nosotros	hacemos	tenemos	queremos	podemos	vamos
vosotros*	hacéis	tenéis	queréis	podéis	vais
ustedes, ellos	hacen	tienen	quieren	pueden	van

	<b>poner (to put)</b>	<b>decir (to say)</b>	<b>ver (to see)</b>	<b>pensar (to think)</b>	<b>sentir (to feel)</b>
yo	pongo	digo	veo	pienso	siento
tú	pones	dices	ves	piensas	sientes
él, ella, usted	pone	dice	ve	piensa	siente
nosotros	ponemos	decimos	vemos	pensamos	sentimos
vosotros*	ponéis	decís	veis	pensáis	sentís
ustedes, ellos	ponen	dicen	ven	piensan	sienten

	<b>dar (to give)</b>	<b>pedir (ask for)</b>	<b>oír (to hear)</b>	<b>traer (to bring)</b>	<b>jugar (to play)</b>
yo	doy	pido	oigo	traigo	juego
tú	das	pides	oyes	traes	juegas
él, ella, usted	da	pide	oye	trae	juega
nosotros	damos	pedimos	oímos	traemos	jugamos
vosotros*	dais	pedís	oís	traéis	jugáis
ustedes, ellos	dan	piden	oyen	traen	juegan

Adjectives describe or modify nouns. They agree with nouns in gender and number.

## DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVES

Descriptive adjectives describe a person, place, or thing. They usually come after the noun and agree with the noun in gender and number. Adjectives make the plural the same way as nouns.

el niño alto    los niños altos    la niña alta    las niñas altas

Most adjectives end in **-o** and their feminine form ends with **-a**:

un niño alto, una niña alta,

Some adjectives end in **-l**, **-n**, and **-e** and they are both masculine and feminine:

un niño inteligente, una niña inteligente    el abrigo marrón, la camisa marrón

Adjectives that end in **-r** add **-a** for the feminine:

un hombre trabajador, una mujer trabajadora

## POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Possessive adjectives show ownership. They agree with the noun they modify (the thing possessed, not the possessor).

<b>mi, mis</b> mi amigo, mis amigas	<b>my</b> my friend, my friends
<b>tu, tus</b> tu perro, tus gatos	<b>your</b> your dog, your cats
<b>su, sus</b> su carro, sus libros	<b>his, her, your (formal) their</b> your car, their books, her books
<b>nuestro, nuestra</b> <b>nuestros, nuestras</b> nuestro carro, nuestra casa nuestros libros, nuestras amigas	<b>our</b> our car, our house our books, our friends

## DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES

Demonstrative adjectives make reference to the location of an object in relation to the speaker. a subheading

	Singular	Plural
Masculine	<b>este</b> (this) <b>ese</b> (that) <b>aquel</b> (that one over there)	<b>estos</b> (these) <b>esos</b> (those) <b>aquellos</b> (those over there)
Feminine	<b>esta</b> (this) <b>esa</b> (that) <b>aquella</b> (that one over there)	<b>estas</b> (these) <b>esas</b> (those) <b>aquellas</b> (those over there)

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Este</b> carro es rojo.        | This car is red.                 |
| <b>Ese</b> libro es tuyo.         | That book is yours.              |
| <b>Aquel</b> libro es mío.        | That book over there is mine.    |
| <b>Estas</b> casas son bonitas.   | These houses are pretty.         |
| <b>Esas</b> camisas son caras.    | Those shirts are expensive.      |
| <b>Aquellas</b> chicas son altas. | Those girls over there are tall. |

## QUESTION WORDS

<b>¿Qué?</b>	What?
<b>¿Cuándo?</b>	When?
<b>¿Dónde?</b>	Where?
<b>¿Cómo?</b>	How?
<b>¿Por qué?</b>	Why?
<b>¿Quién?</b>	Who?
<b>¿Cuál?</b>	Which?

<b>¿Qué es esto?</b>	<i>What is this?</i>
<b>¿Cuándo es la fiesta?</b>	<i>When is the party?</i>
<b>¿Dónde está el banco?</b>	<i>Where is the bank?</i>
<b>¿Cómo estás?</b>	<i>How are you?</i>
<b>¿Por qué estás triste?</b>	<i>Why are you sad?</i>
<b>¿Quién es él?</b>	<i>Who is he?</i>
<b>¿Cuálquieras?</b>	<i>Which one do you want?</i>

<b>DEFINITE ARTICLE</b>	
Masculine <b>el</b>	Feminine <b>la</b>
Plural <b>los</b>	Plural <b>las</b>

## DEFINITE ARTICLE

The definite article makes reference to a specific person, thing or place. In Spanish, the definite article (the in English) has four forms, depending on the noun being masculine, feminine, singular or plural. The definite article always agrees in gender and number with the noun.

<b>INDEFINITE ARTICLE</b>	
Masculine <b>un</b>	Feminine <b>una</b>
Plural <b>unos</b>	Plural <b>unas</b>

## INDEFINITE ARTICLE

The indefinite article makes reference to a nonspecific person, thing or place. In Spanish, the indefinite article (a, an, some, one in English) has four forms, depending on the noun being masculine, feminine, singular or plural. The indefinite article always agrees in gender and number with the noun.

# USEFUL VOCABULARY AND EXPRESSIONS

**¿Cómo estás?** - How are you? (informal)

**¿Cómo está usted?** - How are you (formal)

**Estoy bien, ¡gracias!** - I'm fine, thanks!

**Mucho gusto** - Nice to meet you

**Buenos días** - Good morning

**Buenas tardes** - Good afternoon

**Buenas noches** - Good night, good evening

**¿Cómo te llamas?** - What is your name?

(informal)

**No entiendo** - I don't understand

**No lo sé** - I don't know

**¿Puede ayudarme?** - Can you help me?

**Necesito ayuda** - I need help

**Hablo un poco de español** - I speak a little bit of Spanish

**Estoy perdido** - I am lost

**¿Puede(s) hablar más despacio?** - Can you speak slower?

**¿Cómo se llama?** - What is your name? (formal)

**¿Cuántos años tiene(s)?** - How old are you?

**Necesito...** - I need...

**Me gustaría...** - I would like...

**¡Bienvenido!** - Welcome!

**¿Dónde está...?** - Where is...?

**¿Qué hora es?** - What time is it?

**Perdone...** - Excuse me

**Lo siento** - I am sorry

**Disculpe...** - Sorry

**Yo soy de...** - I'm from...

**¿Habla(s) inglés?** - Do you speak English?

**¡Felicitaciones!** - Congratulations!

**¡Adiós!** - Bye!

**¡Hasta luego!** - See you later!

**¡Nos vemos!** - See you!

**Por supuesto** - Of course

**Gracias** - Thanks

**De nada** - You're welcome

**Por favor** - Please

**¿Cuánto cuesta...?** - How much is it?

**¡Feliz cumpleaños!** - Happy birthday!

**Una mesa para dos** - A table for two

**¿Me podría traer...?** - Could you bring me...?

**Un café, por favor** - A coffee, please

**Tengo hambre** - I am hungry

**Tengo sed** - I am thirsty

**Tengo frío** - I am cold

**Tengo calor** - I am hot