

Definite Articles

1. The name of a person, place, or thing is a noun. In Spanish, every noun has a gender, either masculine or feminine. Almost all nouns that end in *-o* are masculine and almost all nouns that end in *-a* are feminine.
2. The definite article in English is *the*. In Spanish, there are four forms of the definite article – *el, la, los, las*. In front of a noun, you must use the one that agrees with the gender (masculine or feminine) and number (singular or plural) of that noun.

el muchacho (the boy) la muchacha (the girl)
los muchachos (the boys) las muchachas (the girls)

3. If the word ends in *-e*, you must memorize the gender.

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A. Write in the correct Spanish Word for "the". Remember you have four choices - *el, la, los* or *las*.

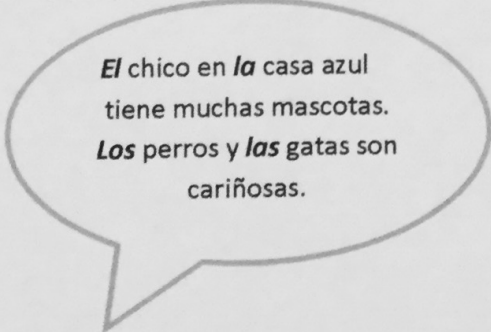
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| 1. _____ música | 5. _____ historia |
| 2. _____ matemáticas | 6. _____ amigas |
| 3. _____ estudios sociales | 7. _____ cursos |
| 4. _____ ciencia | 8. _____ alumno |

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Write the correct definite article on the line.

1. _____ muchachas se llaman Alicia y Carolina.
2. _____ perro es muy feo.
3. Sarah vive en _____ casa azul.
4. _____ familia de Gilberto es muy pequeña.
5. _____ muchachos son guapos y inteligentes.
6. _____ clase de español es interesante.
7. _____ amigos son alumnos en _____ misma escuela.



*El chico en **la** casa azul
tiene muchas mascotas.*

***Los** perros y **las** gatas son
cariñosas.*

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