

### 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.

the { el  
la  
los  
las

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

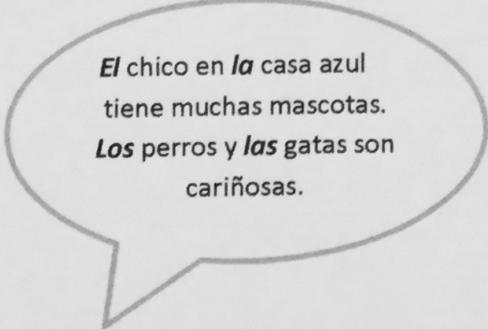
**B.**

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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.*