

# Gender/ Articles

Week 3



## Gender 1 of 6

- ☞ In Spanish, all nouns have either masculine or feminine gender.
- ☞ This does not mean that the noun has M or F characteristics, it is only a grammatical feature.



## Gender 2 of 6

- Nouns that refer to male beings and most nouns that end in the letter “-o” are masculine.
  - Hombre, libro
- Nouns that refer to female beings and most nouns that end in -a, -dad, -tad, -ción are feminine.
  - Mujer, mesa, nación, libertad, Universidad



## Gender 3 of 6

■ Nouns that refer to a person can change gender by changing the last vowel from 'o' to 'a', or by adding an 'a' to the masculine form.

- el amigo- la amiga
- el maestro- la maestra

■ Some nouns that refer to people have only one form, not a M or F. In these cases, gender is indicated by the article.

- el estudiante- la estudiante
- El dentista- la dentista



## Práctica

1. J the ceiling fan      A. Las cortinas
2. F the vase              B. El escalón
3. I the speaker            C. La alfombra
4. H the recliner            D. La pintura
5. B the step                E. La mesita central
6. C the carpet             F. El jarrón
7. E the coffee table      G. La pantalla de lámpara
8. A the drapes             H. El reclinador
9. G the lampshade        I. El parlante/la bocina
10. D the painting         J. El ventilador de techo



## Articles 4 of 6

	Masculine Nouns	Feminine Nouns
Definite Articles	S- el (the) P- los (the)	S- la (the) P- las (the)
Indefinite Articles	S- un (a, an, one) P- unos (some)	S- una (a, an, one) P- unas (some)

In Spanish, gender of nouns, articles, and adjectives must ALWAYS agree!!!



# Práctica

1. León m. (the)



4. Tortugas (the)



2. Vaca (a)



5. Cangrejo (a)



3. Patos (some)



## Forming the plural 5 of 6

- To make a Spanish noun plural, use the following rules:
  - If the noun ends in a vowel, add "s" to the end
    - gato- gatos
    - Pizza- pizzas
  - If a nouns ends in a consonant, add "es" to the end
    - doctor-doctores
    - Libertad- libertades
  - If a noun ends in z, add "es" and change "z" to "c"
    - Pez- peces
    - Actriz- actrices



# Práctica

1. León



4. Tortuga



2. Vaca



5. Cangrejo



3. Pato



6. Pez



## Pronouns 6 of 6

Yo- I	Nosotros- We
tú – you familiar	Vosotros- you all
El, ella, usted He, she, you (formal)	Ellos, ellas, ustedes They (boys or group), they (girls), you all

