Definite Articles

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|  | **Singular** | **Plural** |
| **Masculine** | **el**  = the | **los** = the |
| **Feminine** | **la** = the | **las** = the |

* All nouns in Spanish are either masculine or feminine.
* Usually, nouns that end with “A” are feminine and nouns that end in “O” are masculine.

EX: cas**a** (Feminine) libr**o** (Masculine)

* To pluralize nouns add “S” if they end with a vowel and add “ES” if they end with a consonant.

Papel 🡪 papel**es** libro 🡪 libro**s**

* Nouns may be used with a “definite article” in front of them.

These definite article states the:

1. **Gender** and
2. **Number** of the noun in Spanish.

EX: **la** música de Shakira

 **el** helado de chocolate

 **las** verduras

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| The preposition **de** |

1. The word **de** translates to *of* or *from* in English.
2. The word **de** is used to tell where someone is from. *Rosa es* ***de*** *Cuba.*
3. The word **de** can be used to indicate what type of thing they’re describing. *Los libros* ***de*** *misterio.*
4. The word **de** is used to show possession or relationship. *El carro* ***de*** *Jorge. / La amiga* ***de*** *Juan.*

\*\*\*Remember – No apostrophe ’S exists in Spanish.

1. The word **de** followed by **el** always makes the contraction **del**. EX: *La pizza* ***del*** *profesor. El libro* ***del*** *muchacho.*