

20. Definite Articles

The definite article (**artículo determinado**) indicates the gender (masculine or feminine) and number (singular or plural) of a noun. Normally, the article goes with the noun.

Masculino (masculine)

Femenino (feminine)

Singular **el libro** (the book)

la mesa (the table)

Plural **los libros** (the books)

las mesas (the tables)

El, la, los, and las are the equivalent of “the.”

Remember that, in general, nouns that end with the letter “**o**” are masculine, while nouns that end with the letter “**a**” are feminine.