Artículos definidos e indefinidos

ARTÍCULOS INDEFINIDOS (INDEFINITE ARTICLES)

	MASCULINO (A/AN)		FEMENINO (A/AN)	
SINGULAR	UN	UN TOMATE	UNA	UNA MANZANA
(A / AN)	(A/AN)	(A TOMATO)	(A/AN)	(AN APPLE)
PLURAL	UNOS	UNOS HUEVOS	UNAS	UNAS UVAS
(SOME)	(SOME)	(SOME EGGS)	(SOME)	(SOME GRAPES)

ARTÍCULOS DEFINIDOS (DEFINITE ARTICLES)

		MASCULINO THE		FEMENINO THE
SINGULAR (THE)	EL	EL ARROZ (THE RICE)	LA	LA CARNE (THE MEAT)
PLURAL (THE)	LOS	LOS TOMATES (THE TOMATOES)	LAS	LAS PERAS (THE PEARS)

But...how do I know when to use El or La?



LOOK AT THE RULE...

MASCULINE NOUNS

Here are some of the letters that we usually see at the end of masculine words.

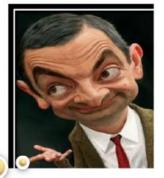
- Most words that end in the letter -o are masculine. Some examples are hijo (son), zapato (shoe) and mono (monkey).
- Nouns that end in -ma are masculine, such as the word problema (problem)
- ♣ Nouns that end in -Da, like the word mapa (map), are also masculine
- ♣ LONERS words that end with any of the letters in LONERS are usually masculine. Some examples include:

	Example	Meaning
L	papel	paper
0	mono	monkey
N	atún	tuna
E	hombre	man
R	doctor	doctor (male)
S	autobús	bus

Some Exceptions to the Masculine

These rules can help you most of the time to determine if the noun is masculine, but sometimes they do not work. There are some words that end with -o, -ma, -pa, -ta, or LONERS that are feminine. A few of the most common ones are:

La moto La radio La moto



However...sometimes there is no rule...You just have to memorize that some words are different, such as

La mano (hand)

FEMININE NOUNS

Feminine nouns have different letters at the end of them than masculine ones. Here are the common endings for feminine words:

- The ending —a is usually feminine. Two examples are DOCTORA (female doctor) and CAMISA (shirt).
- Words that end in -ión are feminine nouns, such as RELIGIÓN (religion)
- Two other endings for feminine nouns are -dad/-tad, like in FELICIDAD (happiness) and AMISTAD (friendship).
- Words that end in -Tud, like ACTITUD (attitude) is also a common ending for feminine nouns

Some Exceptions to the Feminine

There is one other ending that ends in -a, -ista, that is actually both feminine and masculine. It is usually at the end of words that describe people, like artista (artist) and realista (realist).

El artista / la artista

El realista / la realista

Some other common words that ends in -a, but are masculine are:

El día (The day).

El agua (The water)

ACTIVITY 4

Write the correct article for each word in red. Follow the example

INDEFINITE ARTICLE	DEFINITE ARTICLE	NOUN	TRANSLATION
Una	La	Comida	The food
		Deporte	
		Béisbol	
		Natación	
		Videojuegos	
		Televisión	
		Amigos	
		Música	
		Instrumentos	
		Cine	
		Familia	