

Actividad



Identify the members of the García family. Complete the sentences with the words below, matching them with the pictures.

abuela
tío
hermanos

familia
hijos

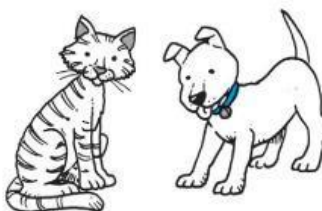
padres
perro

primas
gato

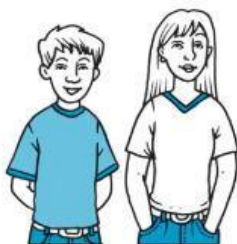


1. Alberto y Alicia son los _____ de Carlos y María.

2. La _____ tiene 10 miembros.



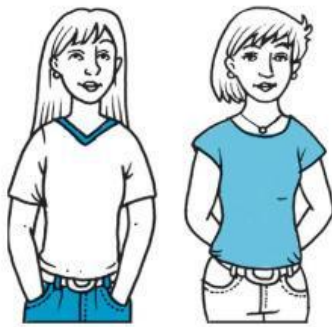
3. El _____ y el _____ son los animales.



4. Carlos y María son _____.



5. Josefa es la _____.



6. María y Rosa son _____.



7. Francisco es el _____ de José.



8. Alberto es el _____ de Francisco.

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There are many people in the García family. When we speak about more than one person or thing, we must use the PLURAL. How do we change nouns from the singular to the plural in Spanish? Let's see if you can figure out the easy rules. Look carefully:

I	II
<i>el gato</i>	<i>los gatos</i>
<i>el perro</i>	<i>los perros</i>
<i>la madre</i>	<i>las madres</i>
<i>la tía</i>	<i>las tías</i>

Following the pattern you just saw, make the following plural:

el padre _____ la prima _____
 el tío _____ la hija _____

Now compare the two groups of nouns. What letter did we add to the nouns in the second column? If you wrote the letter **s**, you are correct. Here's the first rule:



In Spanish if a noun ends in a vowel (*a, e, i, o, u*), just add the letter **s** to the singular form of the noun to make it plural.

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Here are two more groups of nouns:

I	II
<i>el animal</i>	<i>los animales</i>
<i>el color</i>	<i>los colores</i>
<i>la flor</i>	<i>las flores</i>
<i>la lección</i>	<i>las lecciones</i>

Following the pattern above, make the following nouns plural:

el hotel _____ la universidad _____

la mujer _____ el actor _____

Do the nouns in Group I end in a vowel? _____ What letters did we add to make them plural? _____ Here's the second rule:



In Spanish, if a noun ends in a consonant (for example, *l, n, r*), add the letters **es** to the singular form of the noun to make it plural.

NOTE: a. When a singular noun ends in **z**, the **z** changes to **c** in the plural: **la actriz, las actrices**.

b. When a singular noun ends in a syllable with an accent mark, the accent mark is dropped in the plural: **la lección, las lecciones**.