

# El género de los nombres / The Gender of Nouns

In Spanish, every noun has a **gender**: it is either feminine or masculine. There is no way to know if a word is masculine or feminine simply by knowing what it means. You must learn the gender of each noun along with the word for the noun.

el árbol  
(masculine)



la flor  
(feminine)



Here are some general rules that apply to the gender of nouns in Spanish.  
But be careful—there are always exceptions!

Most words that end in **a** are feminine. Most words that end in **o** are masculine.

Write **F** next to each feminine noun and **M** next to each masculine noun.

silla

dinero

mesa

cuchara

tienda

plato

vaso

perro

\* Exceptions to the rule: **día** and **mapa** are masculine, **mano** is feminine.

Words that end in **ción, sión, tad, dad, and umbre** are almost always feminine.

Examples: **libertad, conclusión, televisión, lumbre, universidad, nación, personalidad, conversación**

Words that end in **a** but that come from Greek are masculine.

Examples: **problema, sistema, idioma, tema, clima, programa, poema, telegrama**

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poema

lumbre

sistema

tema

mapa

planeta

fracción

comunicación

nación

universidad

conversación

lección

# Los nombres plurales / Plural Nouns

It is easy to form the plural of a noun in Spanish once you know a few rules.

- If the noun ends with a vowel, add **s**.  
Example: **el conejo** – **los conejos**
  
- If the noun ends with a consonant, add **es**.  
Example: **el árbol** – **los árboles**
  
- If the noun ends with **z**, change it to **c** and add **es**.  
Example: **el lápiz** – **los lápices**
  
- If the noun ends with **es** or **is**, it does not change in the plural.  
Example: **el lunes** – **los lunes**



Escriba los nombres en plural.  
Write the nouns in the plural form.

árbol \_\_\_\_\_

flor \_\_\_\_\_

lombriz \_\_\_\_\_

gato \_\_\_\_\_

pájaro \_\_\_\_\_

saltamontes \_\_\_\_\_

castor \_\_\_\_\_

pluma \_\_\_\_\_

tigre \_\_\_\_\_

iguana \_\_\_\_\_

animal \_\_\_\_\_

planta \_\_\_\_\_

hoja \_\_\_\_\_

búho \_\_\_\_\_

luz \_\_\_\_\_

conejo \_\_\_\_\_

venado \_\_\_\_\_

ballena \_\_\_\_\_