**NOUNS**

A noun is a kind of word used to name a subject, object, place or even concept. So, it can be the subject of a sentence and it designates or identifies an animate or inanimate being. Depending on the language, nouns can vary in gender or number. Are the words we use to refer to people, countries, places, animals, among other things, be they mental or material.

Some examples are the following:

People: doctor, man, woman, kid, child, Justin, Helen,...

Place: shore, mountain, city, village, home, workplace, United States,...

Things: chair, table, love, car, lorrey, movie,...

Animals: dog, dolphin, cat, lion, owl,...

Concept: courage, loyalty, harmony, love, etc.

In English grammar, we can see that most words are used interchangeably to refer to both the masculine and feminine genders.

Teacher (profesor / profesora)

Pupil (alumno / alumna)

Artist (un artista / una artista)

Singer (un cantante / una cantante)

Doctor (un médico / una médico)

Lawyer (abogado / abogada)

Friend (amigo / amiga)

Writer (escritor / escritora)

We can see how there are also nouns that change form when it comes to differentiating between masculine and feminine:

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| **Masculine** | **Feminine** |
| God – *dios* | Goddess – *diosa* |
| Heir – *heredero* | Heiress – *heredera* |
| King –*rey* | Queen – *reina* |
| Prince – *príncipe* | Princess – *princesa* |
| Waiter – *camarero* | Waitress – *camarera* |
| Host – *anfitrión* | Hostess – *anfitriona* |
| Actor – *actor* | Actress – *actriz* |
| Boyfriend – *amigo / novio* | Girlfriend – *amiga / novia* |
| Boy – niño / chico | Girl – niña / chica |
| Man – hombre | Woman – mujer |
| Son – hijo | Daughter – hija |
| Father – padre | Mother – madre |
| Husband – marido / esposo | Wife – mujer / esposa |
| Uncle – tío | Aunt – tía |
| Nephew – sobrino | Niece – sobrina |
| Brother – hermano | Sister – hermana |
| Gentleman – señor / caballero | Lady – señora |

Proper nouns are names of people, animals, places and things. You can recognise them because the letter they start with is capitalised, for example, Argentina, Europa, Catalina and William.

Concrete nouns refer to objects that you can see or touch, whereas abstract nouns are non-material things, such as ideas, feelings or situations.

Computer: computador

Telephone: teléfono

Pencil: lápiz

Love: amor

Light: luz

Sound: sonido

A singular noun means that there is only one object or subject to talk about. In contrast, a plural noun means that there are two or more objects or subjects.

In general, to form the plural of a noun, it is enough to add "s" to the end of the word, like this:

Apple - Apples

Apple - Manzanas

Sausage - Sausages

Sausage – Salchichas

However, there are exceptions that must be applied to certain types of words, let's see:

Nouns ending in "o".

When a noun ends with this vowel, we add "-es", like this:

Tomato - tomatoes

Tomato - Tomates

Hero - Heroes

Héroe - Heroes

Nouns ending in "-sh", "-ch", "-s", "-z", "-x", "-ss".

To form the plural of these nouns, "-es" is also added to the end of the word:

Dish - Dishes

Plato - Dishes

Church - Churches

Iglesia - Churches

Crisis - Crises

Crisis - Crisis

Buzz - buzzes

Zumbido - Buzzes

Box - Boxes

Caja - Boxes

Waitress - Waitresses

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Nouns ending in "-f" - Nouns ending in "-f

For most words ending in "-f" or having a vowel before this letter, the "-f" is replaced by "-v" and the ending "-es" is added. Let's see:

Knife - Knives

Cuchillo - Knife

Life - Lives

Vida – Lives

There are exceptions where you do not add the ending "-ves", but simply add the letter "-s", let's see some examples:

Chef - Chefs

Cocinero - Cooks

Sheriff - Sheriffs

Alguacil - Sheriffs

Nouns ending in "-y".

If the word ends in this form, we change the "-y" to "-ie" and add the "-s".

Cherry - Cherries

Cereza - Cherries

Celery - Celeries

Celery – Apios

When the word ends in a vowel followed by "-y", there is no need to change it. Here you simply add "-s" to the end of the word.

Turkey - Turkeys

Turkey - Pavo

Tray - Trays

Tray – Traeja