



## GENDER OF NOUNS: PART II

### Notes:

1. The written lesson is below.
2. Links to quizzes, tests, etc. are to the left.

Masculine nouns that end in a consonant often have a corresponding feminine form that ends in -a.

*el profesor*  
*la profesora*

*el doctor*  
*la doctora*

*el señor*  
*la señora*

Some nouns that refer to people use the same form for both masculine and feminine. These nouns indicate gender by the article (el or la).

*el estudiante*

*la estudiante*

*el pianista*

*la pianista*

*el artista*

*la artista*

Nouns that end in -sión, -ción, -dad, -tad, -tud, -umbre are feminine.

*la televisión*

*la decisión*

*la conversación*

*la habitación*

*la ciudad*

*la universidad*

*la dificultad*

*la libertad*

*la actitud*

*la gratitud*

*la certidumbre*

*la muchedumbre*

Some nouns that end in -a are masculine.

*el problema*  
*el telegrama*  
*el programa*  
*el mapa*  
*el sistema*  
*el poema*  
*el día*  
*el tema*  
*el clima*  
*el idioma*  
*el sofá*  
*el planeta*

Many nouns that end in -ma are masculine. Notice that eight of the twelve nouns listed above end in -ma.

*el telegrama*  
*el programa*  
*el problema*  
*el sistema*  
*el poema*  
*el idioma*  
*el clima*  
*el tema*

**Note:** A few nouns that end in -ma are feminine, such as **la cama** and **la pluma**.

Four of the nouns that end in -a are simply exceptions and must be memorized.

*el día*  
*el mapa*  
*el planeta*  
*el sofá*

A few nouns that end in -o are feminine.

*la mano*  
*la radio*

Review of the rules learned in lesson 1 and lesson 2.

- Many nouns that denote living things have both a masculine and a feminine form.
- Most nouns that end in -o are masculine.
- Most nouns that end in -a are feminine.
- Masculine nouns that end in a consonant often have a corresponding feminine form that ends in -a.
- Some nouns that refer to people use the same form for both masculine and feminine. These nouns indicate gender by the article (el or la).
- Nouns that end in -sión, -ción, -dad, -tad, -tud, -umbre are feminine.
- Many nouns that end in -ma are masculine.
- A few nouns that end in -o are feminine

You now know most of the rules for determining the gender of a noun. There are just a few more things to know, but they won't be covered until later. Remember, whenever you learn a new noun, learn it complete with its definite article (el, la). Definite articles are the subject of an upcoming lesson.

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