

Spanish Conversation & Composition I Notes

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1 Nacionalidades

All of the following are written as feminine adjectives. Changing them to masculine should be trivial. One thing to note should be that all of the nationalities are lowercase in spanish.

- **afgana** - Afghan
- **alemana** - German
- **argelina** - Algerian
- **argentina** - Argentinian
- **austriaca** - Austrian
- **belga** - Belgian
- **boliviana** - Bolivian
- **británica** - British
- **búlgara** - Bulgarian
- **chilena** - Chilean
- **china** - Chinese
- **colombiana** - Colombian
- **costarricense** - Costa Rican
- **cubana** - Cuban
- **danesa** - Danish
- **ecuatoriana** - Ecuadorian
- **española** - Spanish
- **etíope** - Ethiopian
- **estadounidense** - American (from U.S.)

- **francesa** - French
- **filipina** - Philipina
- **greiga** - Greek
- **holandesa** - Dutch
- **húngara** - Hungarian
- **india** - Indian
- **iraquí** - Iraqi
- **iraní** - Iranian
- **irlandesa** - Irish
- **israelí** - Israeli
- **italiana** - Italian
- **japonesa** - Japanese
- **jordana** - Jordanian
- **libanesa** - Lebanese
- **libia** - Libyan
- **malaya** - Malaysian
- **maltesa** - Maltese
- **marroquí** - Moroccan
- **mauritania** - Mauritanian
- **mongol** - Mongolian
- **nigeriana** - Nigerian
- **norcoreana** - North Korean
- **norurga** - Norwegian

- **pakistaní** - Pakistani
- **palestina** - Palestinian
- **panameña** - Panamanian
- **paraguaya** - Paraguayan
- **peruana** - Peruvian
- **polaca** - Polish
- **portuguesa** - Portuguese
- **rumana** - Romanian
- **rusa** - Russian
- **saharaui** - Sahrawi (west part of Sahara)
- **salvadoreña** - Salvadorian
- **senegalesa** - Senegalese
- **siria** - Syrian
- **somalí** - Somalian
- **sudafricana** - South African
- **sudanesa** - Sudanese
- **sueca** - Swedish
- **surcoreano** - South Korean
- **ucraniana** - Ukranian
- **tailandesa** - Thai
- **tunecina** - Tunisian
- **turca** - Turkish
- **venezolana** - Venezuelan

- **vietnamita** - Vietnamese
- **yemení** - Yemeni

2 Palabras para describir

All of the following words are adjectives that can be used to describe a person. If the word ends with "(a)", that means that in order to change it to feminine, there are 2 possibilities. If the word ends in '-o', change it to '-a', otherwise, if the word ends in '-r', change it to '-ra'. Adjectives ending with "(gn)" are gender-neutral.

- **desconfiado(a)** - distrustful, suspicious
- **malo(a)** - bad, ill, sick, poor (in quality)
- **bueno(a)** - good, ok
- **amable(gn)** - kind, nice
- **inconformista(gn)** - nonconformist, nonconforming
- **sencillo(a)** - simple
- **flexible(gn)** - flexible, supple, pliable
- **trabajador(a)** - hardworking, worker, hardworker
- **perezoso(a)** - lazy
- **simpático(a)** - nice, likeable, pleasant, friendly, kind
- **generoso(a)** - generous, magnanimous
- **vago(a)** - lazy, slacker
- **desordenado(a)** - messy, untidy, disorganized
- **antipático(a)** - unfriendly, unpleasant
- **comprensible(gn)** - understandable, comprehensible
- **intransigente(gn)** - intransigent, die-hard, unyielding

- **apático(a)** - apathetic
- **abierto(a)** - open, open-minded
- **versado(a)** - well versed
- **aburrido(a)** - boring, bored
- **divertido(a)** - fun, entertaining, enjoyable
- **alegre(gn)** - happy, cheerful, bright
- **ordenado(a)** - tidy, well-organized, orderly
- **apasionado(a)** - passionate, impassioned
- **obstinado(a)** - obstinate, stubborn
- **temperamental(gn)** - tempermental
- **cerrado(a)** - closed, closed-minded
- **sincero(a)** - sincere, honest
- **disponible(gn)** - available, free
- **hablador(a)** - talkative, chatty
- **interesante(gn)** - interesting
- **docto(a)** - well versed, erudite
- **respetuoso(a)** - respectful
- **pesimista(gn)** - pessimistic
- **creativo(a)** - creative
- **radical(gn)** - radical, extreme

3 Las profesiones

All of the following are jobs or professions. If the word ends with "(a)", that means that in order to change it to feminine, there are 2 possibilities. If the word ends in '-o' or 'e' change it to '-a', otherwise, if the word ends in '-r' or '-z', change it to '-ra'. Then change the 'el' to 'la'.

- (el/la) **socorrista** - the lifeguard
- (el/la) **astronauta** - the astronaut
- **el vendedor(a)** - the salesperson, the salesman, the saleswoman
- **el cocinero(a)** - the cook, the chef
- (el/la) **cantante** - the singer
- (el/la) **asistente de vuelo** - the flight attendant, the steward
- (el/la) **agente inmobiliario** - the real estate agent, the realtor
- **el político(a)** - the politician
- **el bombero(a)** - the firefighter, the fireman
- (el/la) **soldado** - the soldier
- **el médico(a)** - the medic, the doctor
- **el costurero(a)** - the seamster, the seamstress
- **el informático(a)** - the IT guy, the computer expert
- **el fontanero(a)** - the plumber
- (el/la) **piloto** - the pilot
- (el/la) **barman** - the bartender
- (el/la) **taxista** - the taxi driver
- (el/la) **botones** - the bellboy, the bellhop
- **el pintor(a)** - the painter

- **el dependiente(a)** - the salesperson, the salesclerk
- **el juez(a)** - the judge
- **(el/la) policía** - the police, the cop
- **el enfermero(a)** - the nurse
- **el maestro(a)** - the teacher
- **el arquitecto(a)** - the architect
- **el ejecutivo(a)** - the executive
- **(el/la) ama de casa** - the housewife, the homemaker

4 Vocabulario de ayuda

- **apagar** - to turn off, to put out
- **arreglar** - to fix, to repair, to mend, to arrange, to tidy
- **atrapar** - to catch
- **el ciudadano(-a)** - the citizen
- **cobrar** - to charge for, to get paid
- **los derechos** - the duties, the fees, the dues
- **los enfermos** - the sick people, the patients
- **exquisito** - delicious, exquisite
- **el grifo** - the faucet
- **la tubería** - the pipe
- **la vela** - the candle or the sail
- **volar** - to fly
- **además** - besides, also, furthermore, as well as