

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

Período \_\_\_\_\_

Fecha \_\_\_\_\_

## Gender in nouns and Making Agreement Between Nouns and Adjectives

All nouns (sustantivos) in Spanish fall into two categories. Nouns are either \_\_\_\_\_ **masculine** \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ **feminine** \_\_\_\_\_.

We can usually recognize masculine nouns because they end in \_\_\_\_\_ **'O'** \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ **a consonant** \_\_\_\_\_.

We can usually recognize feminine nouns because they end in \_\_\_\_\_ **'A'** \_\_\_\_\_.

All words that describe nouns in Spanish must agree with the noun in two ways:

**Gender**

and

**Number**

This includes the definite articles: ('the')

What are the four forms of 'the' in Spanish?

\_\_\_\_\_ **el** \_\_\_\_\_ m/s

\_\_\_\_\_ **la** \_\_\_\_\_ f/s

\_\_\_\_\_ **los** \_\_\_\_\_ m/pl

\_\_\_\_\_ **las** \_\_\_\_\_ f/pl

And the indefinite articles: 'a/some'

\_\_\_\_\_ **un** \_\_\_\_\_ m/s

\_\_\_\_\_ **una** \_\_\_\_\_ f/s

\_\_\_\_\_ **unos** \_\_\_\_\_ m/pl

\_\_\_\_\_ **unas** \_\_\_\_\_ f/pl

How do adjectives change to reflect the noun?

Use black "negro" as an example. Can you write the four forms?

\_\_\_\_\_ **negro** \_\_\_\_\_ m/s

\_\_\_\_\_ **negra** \_\_\_\_\_ f/s

\_\_\_\_\_ **negros** \_\_\_\_\_ m/pl

\_\_\_\_\_ **negras** \_\_\_\_\_ f/pl

There are some colors that use the same form for both masculine and feminine.

**Generally, if an adjective ends in 'e' or a consonant then it uses the same form for m/f.**

**Some examples are:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **azul** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **marrón** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **gris** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **verde** \_\_\_\_\_

Instead of four forms, these adjectives only have two:

m/f singular

\_\_\_\_\_ **azul** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **marrón** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **gris** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **verde** \_\_\_\_\_

m/f plural

\_\_\_\_\_ **azules** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **marrones** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **grises** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **verdes** \_\_\_\_\_