

# The 8 Spanish Articles

Definite and indefinite · decided by gender and number

|                            | Masculine sing. | Feminine sing. | Masculine pl. | Feminine pl. |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Definite (the)</b>      | el libro        | la casa        | los libros    | las casas    |
| <b>Indefinite (a/some)</b> | un libro        | una casa       | unos libros   | unas casas   |

**Traps:** feminine nouns starting with stressed a- take **el** in the singular (el agua, el águila) but stay feminine (el agua fría) · de + el = **del**, a + el = **al** · days of the week take el/los: el lunes.

## Quick test

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ___ problema es serio. | <b>El</b> (problema is masculine!) |
| Tengo ___ idea.        | <b>una</b>                         |
| ___ manos limpias      | <b>las</b> (mano is feminine!)     |
| Vengo ___ mercado.     | <b>del</b>                         |

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