

The "THE" Chart

In English there is only 1 way to say "THE", but in Spanish there are 4 ways. Which way you use depends on which word the "THE" is talking about.

In Spanish there are 2 types of words: Feminine words and Masculine words.

Feminine words are words that usually end in an "A" and have an "A" sound.

Ejemplos: blusa, falda, gorra

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Masculine words are usually words that end in any letter other than "A".

The most common endings are "O", "E", and constants.

Ejemplos: sombrero, guante, jeans

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In Spanish there are also Singular and Plural words.

Singular words are words that describe one thing or don't have an "S".

Plural words are words that describe more than one thing and end in an "S" or "ES".

Here is a chart that I use to help me decide which "THE" to use.

	Masculine	Feminine
Singular	el	la
Plural	los	las

When looking at the chart I ask myself 2 questions...

1. Is the word masculine or feminine?

2. Is the word singular or plural?

If I can answer those 2 questions, I can figure out which "THE" I want.

Practice

1. _____ bandera

6. _____ libro

2. _____ cuaderno

7. _____ dibujo

3. _____ lápiz

8. _____ pizarra

4. _____ puerta

9. _____ reloj

5. _____ ventana

10. _____ bolígrafo