



Definite and indefinite articles (p. 70)

- **El** and **la** are the Spanish *definite articles*. They mean the same as “the” in English.
- You use **el** with masculine nouns: **el libro**. You use **la** with feminine nouns: **la carpeta**.
- **Un** and **una** are the Spanish *indefinite articles*. They mean the same as “a” and “an” in English.
- You use **un** with masculine nouns: **un libro**. You use **una** with feminine nouns: **una carpeta**.

A. Look at the ending of each noun in this group. Decide if the noun is masculine or feminine. Write **M** next to the masculine words and **F** next to the feminine words. Follow the model.

Modelo F computadora

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| 1. _____ año | 3. _____ libro | 5. _____ carpeta |
| 2. _____ semana | 4. _____ hoja | 6. _____ profesor |

B. Now, look at the words from **part A** again and circle the definite article **el** for the masculine words and the definite article **la** for the feminine words.

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| 1. (el / la) año | 3. (el / la) libro | 5. (el / la) carpeta |
| 2. (el / la) semana | 4. (el / la) hoja | 6. (el / la) profesor |

C. Look at the ending of each noun below. Decide if the word is masculine or feminine. Write **M** next to the masculine words and **F** next to the feminine words.

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| 1. _____ cuaderno | 3. _____ revista | 5. _____ bicicleta |
| 2. _____ amigo | 4. _____ familia | 6. _____ cuento |

D. Now, look at the words from **part C** again and circle the indefinite article **un** for the masculine words and the indefinite article **una** for the feminine words.

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| 1. (un / una) cuaderno | 3. (un / una) revista | 5. (un / una) bicicleta |
| 2. (un / una) amigo | 4. (un / una) familia | 6. (un / una) cuento |

E. Circle the correct definite or indefinite article to complete each sentence.

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| 1. (El / La) estudiante es estudiosa. | 5. (El / La) profesor es trabajador. |
| 2. (El / La) profesora es buena. | 6. (Un / Una) estudiante es artístico. |
| 3. (Un / Una) amigo es simpático. | 7. (El / La) amiga es inteligente. |
| 4. (Un / Una) estudiante es atrevida. | 8. (Un / Una) estudiante es reservada. |