Did You Get It? Presentación de gramática

Goal: Learn about definite and indefinite articles.

Gender and Number

In Spanish, all nouns are either masculine or feminine. Like in English, all nouns are also singular or plural. Read the following sentences paying attention to the boldfaced letters.

- **el libro** (the book)
- **la chica** (the girl)
- **el hombre** (the man)
- **la mujer** (the woman)
- **los libros** (the books)
- **las chicas** (the girls)
- **los hombres** (the men)
- **las mujeres** (the women)

**EXPLANATION:** Nouns ending in -o in Spanish are usually masculine. Nouns ending in -a are usually feminine. Some words do not end with -o or -a. To form the plural of a noun, add -s if it ends in a vowel. Add -es if it ends in a consonant.

Definite Articles

Definite articles are used with nouns to indicate specific persons, places, or things. Read these sentences, paying special attention to the boldfaced words.

- **El libro es bueno.** (The book is good.)
- **La mujer es alta.** (The woman is tall.)
- **Los libros son buenos.** (The books are good.)
- **Las mujeres son altas.** (The women are tall.)

**EXPLANATION:** English has one definite article: the. Spanish has four: el, la, los, las. The definite article must agree in gender and number with the noun following it.

Indefinite Articles

Indefinite articles are used with nouns to indicate unspecific persons, places, or things. Read these sentences, paying special attention to the boldfaced words.

- **Es un artista.** (He is an artist.)
- **Es una mujer.** (She is a woman.)
- **Son unos correos electrónicos.** (They are some emails.)
- **Son unas mujeres.** (They are some women.)

**EXPLANATION:** English has three indefinite articles: a, an, some. Spanish has four: un, una, unos, unas. Like definite articles, indefinite articles must agree in gender and number with the nouns following them.
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1. Write the correct definite article.

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3. Write the following in Spanish.

1. a book
2. a skateboard
3. the woman
4. some girls
5. the television
6. some teachers
7. a female friend
8. some friends
9. the guitar
10. an ice cream
Complete the sentences with the correct indefinite article.

1. Es _________ pizza.
2. Son _________ helados.
3. Es _________ helado.
4. Es _________ fruta.
5. Son _________ papas fritas.
6. Es _________ refresco.

Complete the sentences with the correct definite article.

1. Son _________ helados.
2. Son _________ refrescos.
3. Son _________ pizzas.
4. Es _________ jugo.
5. Es _________ fruta.
6. Son _________ papas fritas.

Write the following in Spanish.

1. She is a woman. ________________________________
2. They are some friends. ____________________________
3. He is a friend. _________________________________
4. They are some girls. ______________________________
5. He is the student. ______________________________
6. He is a man. _________________________________
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¿Recuerdas? Snack Foods

• Here are the Spanish names of some snack foods.

Las galletas
las papas fritas
la pizza
el helado
el jugo
el agua

Práctica

1. Write the name of each snack food and drink in Spanish.

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________
4. __________________________
5. __________________________
6. __________________________

2. What do you like to eat and drink . . .

1. . . . in the summer? __________________________
2. . . . in the morning? __________________________
3. . . . for dinner? __________________________
4. . . . in the winter? __________________________
5. . . . for dessert? __________________________

¿Recuerdas?

Snack Foods

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¿Recuerdas?

Gustar + an infinitive

• You can use the verb gustar and an infinitive to talk about things people like to do.
  
  For example:

  Me gusta correr. (I like to run.)
  Te gusta correr. (You like to run.)
  Le gusta correr. (He/She/You like to run.)
  Nos gusta correr. (We like to run.)
  Os gusta correr. (You like to run.)
  Les gusta correr. (They/You like to run.)

• When you want to emphasize or identify who likes to do something, add the corresponding noun or pronoun preceded by a:

  A Marta le gusta correr.
  A ella le gusta correr.
  Marta likes to run. She likes to run.

• These are the pronouns that follow a.

  A mí me gusta correr. (I)
  A ti te gusta correr. (You)
  A usted le gusta correr. (You)
  A él o ella le gusta correr. (He or She)
  A nosotros(as) nos gusta correr. (We)
  A vosotros(as) os gusta correr. (You)
  A ustedes les gusta correr. (You)
  A ellos(as) les gusta correr. (They)

Práctica

1 Write these sentences in Spanish.

1. Juan likes to write emails.
2. Alex likes to study.
3. We like to drink water.
4. They like to play football.
5. I like to eat fruit.
6. My father likes to read.
7. You (plural) like to eat.
8. She likes to spend time with friends.
9. He likes to draw.
10. We like to rest.
¿Recuerdas?

After-school Activities

- Here are some expressions for after-school activities.

**Indoor Activities**
- mirar la televisión (to watch television)
- preparar la comida (to prepare food)
- descansar (to rest)
- hacer la tarea (to do homework)
- escribir correos electrónicos (to write e-mails)
- estudiar (to study)

**Outdoor Activities**
- montar en bicicleta (to ride a bike)
- andar en patineta (to skate)
- correr (to run)
- jugar al fútbol (to play football)
- pasear (to take a walk)

**Both**
- escuchar música (to listen to music)
- dibujar (to draw)
- tocar la guitarra (to play the guitar)
- comer pizza (to eat pizza)
- hablar por teléfono (to talk on the phone)
- pasar un rato con los amigos (to spend time with friends)
- practicar deportes (to play sports)
- comprar (to go shopping)
- leer un libro (to read a book)

Práctica

1. What do you like to do most? Follow the model.
   **Modelo:** ¿Qué actividad te gusta más, practicar deportes o pasear? Me gusta más pasear.
   - ¿Hablar por teléfono o escribir correos electrónicos? _____________________________
   - ¿Leer o escribir? _____________________________
   - ¿Escuchar música o mirar la televisión? _____________________________

2. What do the following people like to do?
   - Julio es atlético. Le gusta _____________________________
   - Anita es artística. Le gusta _____________________________
   - Susana es simpática. Le gusta _____________________________

3. Complete the sentence telling two activities that you like to do and two activities that you don’t like to do.
   - Me gusta _____________________________
   - No me gusta _____________________________