

Worksheet 1.1 Definite articles and gender of nouns

Definite articles **el, la, los, las** (*the*) agree in gender and number with the noun they precede. Generally, nouns ending in **-a, -as** are feminine and take **la, las**. Nouns ending in **-o, -os** are usually masculine and take **el, los**. Several exceptions are described on p. 138. The gender of nouns ending in other vowels or in consonants must be memorized.

EXAMPLES:	el gato	<i>the cat</i>	los estudiantes	<i>the students</i>
	la gata	<i>the cat</i>	las vacaciones	<i>the vacations</i>
	el elefante	<i>the elephant</i>	el papel	<i>the paper</i>

► Fill in the correct definite article.

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| 1. <u>El</u> libro | 21. _____ enfermera |
| 2. <u>Las</u> muchachas | 22. _____ enfermeras |
| 3. _____ calles (f) | 23. _____ cielo |
| 4. _____ cuaderno | 24. _____ español (m) |
| 5. _____ mujeres (f) | 25. _____ lápices (m) |
| 6. _____ hombres (m) | 26. _____ muchacho |
| 7. _____ profesor (m) | 27. _____ muchacha |
| 8. _____ cubanos | 28. _____ puertas |
| 9. _____ mexicana | 29. _____ plátanos |
| 10. _____ señores (m) | 30. _____ padres (m) |
| 11. _____ casa | 31. _____ ciudad (f) |
| 12. _____ colores (m) | 32. _____ noches (f) |
| 13. _____ manzanas | 33. _____ madre (f) |
| 14. _____ papeles (m) | 34. _____ verduras |
| 15. _____ ventanas | 35. _____ pan (m) |
| 16. _____ amigos | 36. _____ niña |
| 17. _____ escuela | 37. _____ ruidos |
| 18. _____ médico | 38. _____ profesora |
| 19. _____ primas | 39. _____ cuchillo |
| 20. _____ hermana | 40. _____ cucharas |