

**Definite and indefinite articles**

- **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. ( <b>el</b> / <b>la</b> ) año    | 3. ( <b>el</b> / <b>la</b> ) libro | 5. ( <b>el</b> / <b>la</b> ) carpeta  |
| 2. ( <b>el</b> / <b>la</b> ) semana | 4. ( <b>el</b> / <b>la</b> ) hoja  | 6. ( <b>el</b> / <b>la</b> ) 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. ( <b>un</b> / <b>una</b> ) cuaderno | 3. ( <b>un</b> / <b>una</b> ) revista | 5. ( <b>un</b> / <b>una</b> ) bicicleta |
| 2. ( <b>un</b> / <b>una</b> ) amigo    | 4. ( <b>un</b> / <b>una</b> ) familia | 6. ( <b>un</b> / <b>una</b> ) cuento    |

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

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