

# Gender and Number of Nouns

## 1. Gender

In Spanish, nouns are classified as either masculine or feminine, and their gender can often be determined by their endings, with specific rules and exceptions to consider.

Feminine	Masculine
<b>-a, -z</b> → <i>casa, mesa, silla, nariz, luz</i>	<b>-o</b> → <i>carro, libro, dinero</i>
<b>-ción / -sión</b> → <i>canCIÓN, televisión</i>	<b>-aje</b> → <i>mensaje, paisaje, garaje</i>
<b>-dad / -tad / -tud</b> → <i>ciudad, libertad, juventud</i>	<b>-or</b> → <i>amor, dolor, error, sabor</i>
<b>-umbre</b> → <i>incertidumbre, muchedumbre</i>	<b>-ma</b> → <i>diploma, problema,</i>
<b>Irregular (must be memorized)</b> → <i>mano, foto, radio</i>	<b>Irregular (must be memorized)</b> → <i>día, sofa, mapa</i>

## Changing gender of common nouns (Masculine to feminine)

1. Words ending in -o → change -o to -a

Chico → Chica

Amigo → Amiga

2. Words ending in -or → add -a

Jugador → Jugadora

Doctor → Doctora

3. Words ending in -e , -ista → no change

Periodista, Artista

Cantante, Estudiante

## **The Irregulars:**

- Class – la clase
- Hand – la mano
- Radio – la radio
- Photo – la foto
- Motorbike – la moto
- Bed – la cama
- Day – el día
- Planet – el planeta
- Map- el mapa
- Sofa – el sofá

## **2. Number (pluralization)**

### **General rules**

**1. Noun ends in a vowel (a, e, i, o, u) → add -s**

Casa → Casas

Chico → Chicos

**2. Noun ends in a consonant → add -es**

Papel → Papeles

Actor → Actores

**3. Noun ends in Z → replace z with -ces**

Lapiz → Lápicos

Luz → Luces

**4. Invariable nouns**

- **Ending in s** → Lunes, Paraguas
- **Collective nouns** → gente, muchedumbre
- **Nouns indicating a pair** → tijeras, gafas