

# ARTICLES

## Definite Articles-

- There are four words in Spanish that mean “the”.
- They come BEFORE the noun

	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
<i>Masculine</i>	el	los
<i>Feminine</i>	la	las

- ❖ Often (but not always) the final vowel of a noun tells which direct article to use
  - ❖ Nouns ending in -o (like sombrero) are usually masculine and take the definite article “el”.
  - ❖ Nouns ending in -a (like camiseta) are usually feminine and take the definite article “la”.
- \*\*\*Things that end in **-ion, -dad, -tad** in Spanish are usually feminine

## **Examples:**

el chico	la chica
el muchacho	la muchacha
el sombrero	la camisa
el vestido	la blusa
el zapato	la chaqueta

## Indefinite Articles-

- There are four words in Spanish that mean “a”.
- The plural is usually translated with the word “some.” Unas chicas (some girls)

	<i>Singular</i>	<i>Plural</i>
<i>Masculine</i>	un	unos
<i>Feminine</i>	una	unas

## **Examples:**

un amigo	una amiga
un perro	una señora
un maestro	una casa
un gato	una puerta
un apartamento	una ventana

## **Exceptions:**

1. La mano
2. El mapa
3. El día
4. La foto
5. La mujer
6. El hombre
7. El programa
8. El agua