**Apuntes – Spanish Articles and the Characteristics of Nouns**

**Characteristics of Nouns**

* **Los sustantivos (Nouns) en español have two important characteristics: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , and**

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* **In terms of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , los sustantivos can either be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or**

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*Take a look at the following nouns in Spanish. Discuss with your partner whether you think they are Masculine or Feminine and whether you think that they are Singular or Plural.*

Los lápices Las estudiantes Los estudiantes

El borrador La pluma Las calculadoras

**Singular or Plural?**

**In order to make a noun plural in Spanish, you need to add:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **if the word ends in a vowel**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **if the word ends in a consonant**.

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*Change the following words so that they are plural:*

Clase Borrador Gimnasio Profesor

Profesora Cafetería Examen Prueba

**Masculine or Feminine?**

*A noun is MASCULINE if: A noun is FEMININE if:*

**Definite and Indefinite Articles in Spanish:**

*In English, a definite article is the word* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In Spanish, the word that you will choose to mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ depends upon the

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the noun that it modifies.

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*In English, an indefinite article is the word* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In Spanish the word that you will choose to mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ depends

upon the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the noun that it modifies.

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