

SPANISH - ESPAÑOL

Recap 4

Definite/indefinite articles, Personal Pronouns and TENER

This week we will be learning the verb TENER (to have) and the subject pronouns in Spanish.

Grammar

Definite article (the) / Indefinite article (a)

The Spanish words for 'the' and 'a' changes depending on:

- Whether a word is masculine or feminine.
- Whether a word is singular or plural.

Definite		Masculino	Femenino
	Singular	el	la
	Plural	los	las

Indefinite		Masculino	Femenino
	Singular	un	una
	Plural	unos	unas

el pie / los pies
la mano / las manos
un brazo / unos brazos
una oreja / unas orejas

Personal Pronouns

	Spanish	English
Singular	Yo	I
	Tú	You
	Él / Ella	He / She
Plural	Nosotros / Nosotras	We
	Vosotros / Vosotras	You
	Ellos / Ellas	They

Generally, no pronoun is used for "it" as the subject of a sentence.

In English, we use personal subject pronouns out of necessity, for nearly all sentences without subject nouns would be incomplete without them. But in Spanish, such pronouns are used primarily for **clarity** or **emphasis**, a verb alone can be a complete sentence. Examples of use of he/she/it:

- Es morado. (**It** is purple) — No pronoun is used to translate an impersonal use of "it."
- **Él** es inteligente. Es científico. (He is intelligent. **He's** a scientist.) — No subject pronoun is needed in the second sentence, because the subject of the sentence is made clear by the context and the verb form.
- Mi padre y mi tía son inteligentes. **Él** es doctor, y **ella** es profesora. (My father and my aunt are intelligent. **He** is a doctor, and **she** is a teacher.) — In this case, the subject pronouns **él** and **ella** are needed for **clarity**.

TENER (to have)

	Spanish	English
Singular	Yo tengo	I have
	Tú tienes	You have
	Él/Ella tiene	He/She has
Plural	Nosotros/as tenemos	We have
	Vosotros/as tenéis	You have
	Ellos/Ellas tienen	They have

Examples:

Yo tengo el pelo negro (I have black hair)

Tu tienes los ojos azules (You have blue eyes)

El tiene las manos grandes (He has big hands)

Nosotros tenemos las orejas pequeñas (We have small ears)

Vosotros tenéis las piernas largas (You have long legs)

Ellas tienen los dientes blancos (They have white teeth)

In Spanish, the position of the adjective in a sentence is, usually, after the noun: Tiene el pelo **negro** (He has **black** hair).

la boca **roja** / el pie **grande**

las manos **pequeñas** / los dientes **blancos**

When you say 'Es de color.....' you must use the **masculine singular** colour form:

La boca es de color **rojo**

Los ojos son de color **negro**.

Actividades

1. For each of these words write in the box whether each word is masculine (M) or feminine (F).

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|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| a) el pie | ☐ | d) un brazo | ☐ | g) una pierna | ☐ |
| b) la boca | ☐ | e) el codo | ☐ | h) la rodilla | ☐ |
| c) una nariz | ☐ | f) la mano | ☐ | i) un ojo | ☐ |

2. Rewrite these Spanish words with 'el', 'la', 'los', 'las'.

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|------------------|----------|-----------------|-------|
| a) una oreja : | la oreja | d) un dedo : | |
| b) un ojo : | | e) unas manos : | |
| c) una rodilla : | | f) unos pies : | |

3. Complete the table using the Spanish subject pronouns from the box below.

she	you (singular)	I	we	they (feminine)	you (plural)	he	they (masculine)

nosotros él yo ellas tú vosotros ella ellos

4. Fill in the missing forms of these adjectives to complete the table.

masculine singular	feminine singular	masculine plural	feminine plural
pequeño		pequeños	pequeñas
alto	alta		altas
.....	blanca		
.....	grande		

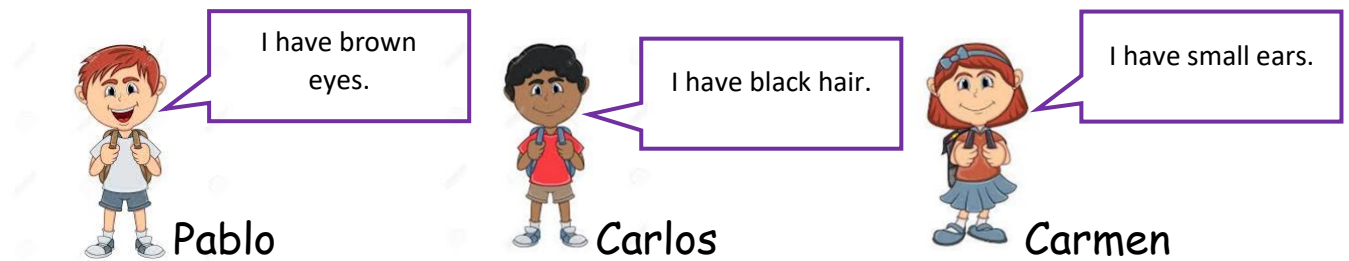
5. Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the adjective in brackets.

- a) La casa es [grande]
- b) Mis ojos son [verde]
- c) Los niños son [alto]
- d) Él es [rubio]
- e) Mis pantalones son [rojo] y [largo]

6. Write the correct form of 'tener' in the present tense.

- a) I have
- b) They have
- c) We have
- d) You (plural) have
- e) He has
- f) You (singular) have

7. Write in Spanish what each person says.



Pablo :

Carlos :

Carmen :

Challenge

Read the text about Fabio the monster. Draw the monster according to the description.



Hola me llamo Fabio y soy un monstruo de color morado. Tengo dos ojos grandes amarillos y una boca azul. Tengo las orejas pequeñas y la nariz larga. Tengo cuatro brazos negros y dos piernas naranjas. Tengo el pelo de color rojo.

¿Puedes dibujarme?