



 *Spanish Foundations: Gender and personal pronouns -  
Beginner's 1 printable - Cheat Sheet*

## *¿Masculino o Femenino?*

### *1. The "Golden Rule" of Gender*

In Spanish, every noun has a gender. Usually, the ending of the word tells you which article to use:

- **Masculino** (♂): Words ending in **-o**. Use **El** (Singular) or **Los** (Plural).
  - Ex: **El** libro (The book) **Los** libros (The books)
- **Femenino** (♀): Words ending in **-a**. Use **La** (Singular) or **Las** (Plural).
  - Ex: **La** mesa (The table) **Las** mesas (The tables)

### *2. Personal Pronouns at a Glance*

Pronouns take the place of people's names. Use this chart to find the right "Subject" for your sentence.

<i>SINGULAR</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>PLURAL</i>	<i>English</i>
<b>Yo</b>	I	<b>Nosotros/as</b>	We
<b>Tú</b>	You (Informal)	<b>Vosotros/as</b>	You all (Spain)
<b>Usted</b>	You (Formal)	<b>Ustedes</b>	You all (LatAm)
<b>Él / Ella</b>	He / She	<b>Ellos / Ellas</b>	They



### 3. Teacher's "Pro-Tips"

- **The Mixed Group Rule:** If a group has 10 women and even just **one** man, the whole group becomes Masculine (**Ellos** or **Nosotros**).
- **The Politeness Rule:** If you aren't sure whether to use Tú or Usted, **always choose Usted**. It is better to be too formal than to accidentally offend someone!

#### **MINI CHECK** (Test your knowledge!)

Identify the correct Article or Pronoun:

1. \_\_\_\_ **perro** 🐕 (The dog)
2. \_\_\_\_ **casa** 🏠 (The house)
3. **Ana y Luis** \_\_\_\_\_ (They)
4. Talking to a **Stranger** \_\_\_\_\_ (You)

**Check your answers:** 1. El | 2. La | 3. Ellos | 4. Usted