

# Agenda

- Test on numbers
  - Notes: Articles, Adjectives and Nouns. Practice
  - Mi vida loca Episode 2
  - Proyecto: Mi vida loca...
- HW: Study greetings and farewells vocabulary for quiz Wed. Test on numbers Friday.

# Proyecto: Mi familia loca!

- Project Due: 13 de febrero.  
(Writing) 13-15 de febrero  
(Speaking).
- A rubric for both parts will be provided (2 separate grades):
  - ▣ 30 points for writing
  - ▣ 20 points for speaking
- Here are examples: [..\Mi familia famosa written example.ppt](#) [..\Mi familia famosa speaking example.ppt](#)



# Notes on Mexico

- Two of the most influential cultures in Mexico were the Aztecs and Mayans.
- The capital of Mexico before Christopher Columbus arrived in America was Tenochtitlán. It was the capital of the Aztec Empire. The name of the capital of “modern Mexico” is Mexico City (D.F.: Distrito Federal)
- In Mexico there are many indigenous ruins such as Teotihuacán and Chichén Itza (Chichén Itza is a pyramid where sacrifices were made to the Gods).

- The Aztecs and the Mayans were advanced in mathematics (in fact their calendar was more accurate than the European one at the time...)
- Mexico has a large indigenous population still.
- Mexico has beautiful resorts such as Cancún and Cabo San Lucas. An industrialized city in Mexico is Monterrey.
- The language spoken by the inhabitants of all Mexico, before Cristopher Columbus arrived was NAHUATL.

# Prueba de los números

- ¡¡Buena Suerte!!

# Notas: Artículos, Adjetivos y Sustantivos (Nouns)

Subject.

## Artículos Definidos "THE"

**EL: Singular  
Masculino**

**LA: Singular  
Femenino**

**LOS: Plural  
Masculino**

**LAS: Plural  
Femenino**

## Artículos Indefinidos "A/AN" "SOME"

**UN: Singular  
masculino**

**UNA: Singular  
femenino**

**UNOS: Plural  
masculino**

**UNAS: Plural  
femenino**

## Los artículos definidos

The "definite" articles are those that are used to speak about something that is well known or that you can identify: **THE**

The "Indefinite" articles are those that are used to speak about something that not well known or that you cannot clearly identify: **A/AN**

	Definidos		Indefinidos	
	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Masculino	<b>el auto</b>	<b>los autos</b>	<b>un auto</b>	<b>unos autos</b>
Femenino	<b>la casa</b>	<b>las casas</b>	<b>una casa</b>	<b>unas casas</b>



# ¿Singular o Plural?

## ¿Femenino o Masculino?

- In Spanish all nouns have **GENDER**. Which means that they can be **Femenine** or **Masculine**.
  - Ex: **La casa**, **El árbol**, **El toro**, **La vaca**.
- In some cases a noun have one gender but serve both, feminine and masculine:
  - Ex: Ella es **un amor**, El hombre fue **una víctima**

- Some nouns are identical in form and we now the gender only when we see the article in front
  - **El/la** estudiante, **el/la** joven, **el/la** modelo, **el/la** pianista.
- Some nouns can change meaning with a change in gender
  - **El** policía vs. **La** policía
  - **El** Papa vs. **La** papa
  - **El** cura vs. **La** cura

# HELP!!!

## Femenine

D

ión

Z

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## Masculine

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# Practice

The book: \_\_\_\_\_ libro (masculine)

A girlfriend: \_\_\_\_\_ amiga (femenine)

The pencils: \_\_\_\_\_ lápices (masculine,  
plural)

Some people: \_\_\_\_\_ personas (femenine,  
plural)

# Singular o Plural

- The general rule says that we must add an **“S”** **at the end of the noun** to make it plural
  - Ex: Casa      Casas
- Nouns ending in consonants and **“y”**, we add **“ES”**
  - Amor    Amores
  - Exámen    Exámenes
- Nouns ending in **“Z”** have plurals in **“CES”**
  - Lápis      Lapices      Nariz      Narices

# Exceptions!!!!

- La foto
- La mano
- La moto
- La radio
- La capital
- La cárcel
- La piel
- La señal
- La sal

- El día
- El clima
- El idioma
- El problema
- El sistema
- El pez
- El programa
- El lápiz
- El fantasma
- El arroz
- El maíz

# Tarea: Complete the list with the appropriate Article

- Go on this website and read the instructions on GENDER OF SPANISH NOUNS. When finished, complete the section of 100 questions at the bottom... Bring a copy of your results or send it to me by e-mail. I will give three FICHAS for everyone who completes it.

<http://www.e-spanyol.hu/en/grammar/gender.php>