



# It's a Small Word



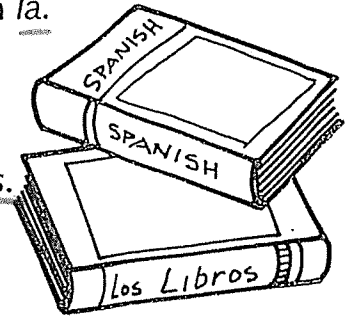
Me llamo \_\_\_\_\_.

La fecha de hoy es el \_\_\_\_\_ de \_\_\_\_\_.

In Spanish, there are four ways to say "the"—*el, la, los, las*. The definite article (the) agrees with its noun in gender (masculine or feminine) and number (singular or plural).

Masculine singular nouns go with el. Feminine singular nouns go with la.

- Examples:** *el libro* (the book)      *el papel* (the paper)  
*la silla* (the chair)              *la regla* (the ruler)



Masculine plural nouns go with los. Feminine plural nouns go with las.

- Examples:** *los libros* (the books)      *los papeles* (the papers)  
*las sillas* (the chairs)              *las reglas* (the rulers)

Refer to the Word Bank to complete the chart. Write the singular and plural forms and the correct definite articles. The first ones have been done for you.

<b>Word Bank</b>	<del>cuaderno</del>	mesa	<del>pluma</del>	<del>oso</del>	<del>falda</del>
	papel	<del>gato</del>	bota	silla	libro

English	Masculine Singular	Masculine Plural
the book	el libro	los libros
the paper	el papel	los papeles
the notebook	el cuaderno	los cuadernos
the cat	el gato	los gatos
the bear	el oso	los osos

English	Feminine Singular	Feminine Plural
the chair	la silla	las sillas
the table	la mesa	las mesas
the boot	la bota	las botas
the skirt	la falda	las faldas
the pen	la pluma	las plumas