

A conocernos

Day 1 Spanish

CAPÍTULO

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GRAMÁTICA 2

Nouns and definite articles

- All nouns in Spanish are **masculine** or **feminine**. Nouns can also be **singular** (one thing or person) or **plural** (more than one thing or person). If a noun ends in a **vowel**, add **-s** to make it plural. If it ends in a **consonant**, add **-es**.

amigo + s = amigos animal + es = animales

- The **definite article** *the* has four different forms to agree with nouns in gender and number.

	Masculine		Feminine	
Singular	el libro	the book	la pizza	the pizza
Plural	los libros	the books	las pizzas	the pizzas

- To say you like something, use the verb **gustar** + a definite article before the noun. To talk about a noun as a general category, use a definite article + the noun.

Me gustan las verduras.

I like vegetables.

El helado es delicioso.

Ice cream is delicious.

25 Write the plural form of the following nouns.

compañero	señor	película	helado	animal	nombre

26 Tina wants to know all about her friend Melba's likes and dislikes. Complete their conversation using the correct definite articles.

—¿Te gustan (1) _____ libros?

—Sí, pero (*but*) me gustan más (2) _____ películas.

—¿Te gusta (3) _____ música clásica?

—Sí, es bastante buena.

—¿Te gustan (4) _____ videojuegos?

—No. Me gusta más (5) _____ ajedrez.

27 Complete the following statements to say some things you like and don't like.

1. Me gusta _____

2. Me gustan _____

3. No me gusta _____

4. No me gustan _____

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The verb *gustar*

- To say you like a thing that's singular, use **gusta**. To say you like more than one thing, use **gustan**.

¿Te gusta el helado?

Do you like ice cream?

Me gustan los deportes.

I like sports.

- Before **gusta/gustan**, use these pronouns.

me gusta(n) I like

nos gusta(n) we like

te gusta(n) you like

os gusta(n) you like (in Spain)

le gusta(n) he/she likes, you like

les gusta(n) they like, you like

- The pronouns **le** and **les** have more than one meaning. **Le** can mean *he, she, it, or you (usted)*. **Les** can mean *you (ustedes)* or *they*.

- Use **a quién** or **a quiénes** to ask who is being talked about.

¿A quién le gusta la pizza?

¿A quiénes les gusta la pizza?

Who likes pizza?

Who likes pizza?

- To say *who* likes something, use the word **a** before the name.

A Lisa y a Teo les gusta la pizza.

Lisa and Teo like pizza.

- To say what people do *not* like, put the word **no** before the pronoun.

No me gusta la fruta.

I don't like fruit.

28 For each of the following sentences, write the correct form of *gustar*.

1. A Simón y a Regina les _____ el ajedrez.

2. A Norman le _____ los videojuegos.

3. A Ginny le _____ el libro de terror.

29 A Spanish exchange student is trying to figure out what his friends like to eat. Provide the correct pronoun forms to complete his sentences below.

(1) _____ gusta la comida china. A Patricia y a Juan (2) _____ gusta la comida mexicana. ¿A vosotros (3) _____ gusta la comida italiana? A Berta (4) _____ gusta el helado pero a nosotros (5) _____ gusta la pasta. ¿Y tú, Kara? ¿Qué (6) _____ gusta más (*the most*)?

30 For each of the following sentences, indicate which subject pronoun (*ustedes, ella, usted, or ellos*) **le** or **les** stands for.1. A Verónica **le** gusta la música. _____2. A Claus y a Jorge **les** gustan los deportes. _____3. A Jamal y a usted **les** gustan los videojuegos. _____4. Profesor, ¿**le** gustan las películas de terror? _____