

# Articles & Demonstratives

Recall that because nouns can be either masculine or feminine and either singular or plural, any word that describes a noun will usually have 4 forms in Spanish; 1. Masculine 2. Masculine Plural  
3. Feminine 4. Feminine Plural.

This holds true with articles (the words “the” and “a”) and demonstratives (this, that, these and those). Here are the articles in Spanish:

The			
m.	<b>el</b>	m. pl.	<b>los</b>
f.	<b>la</b>	f. pl.	<b>las</b>

A / An (the plural translates as “some”)			
m.	<b>un</b>	m. pl.	<b>unos</b>
f.	<b>una</b>	f. pl.	<b>unas</b>

Here are the demonstratives (this, that, these & those). Note two things carefully;

1. This & that can be confusing to translate into Spanish since their English plural forms are These & Those.
2. Spanish has an extra word for far away objects like “that” house *way over there*.

<b>ESTE</b> THIS masc.	<b>ESE</b> THAT masc.	<b>AQUEL</b> THAT masc.	F A R T H E R  A W A Y
<b>ESTA</b> THIS fem.	<b>ESA</b> THAT fem.	<b>AQUELLA</b> THAT fem.	
<b>ESTOS</b> THESE masc. pl.	<b>ESES</b> THOSE masc. pl.	<b>AQUELLOS</b> THOSE masc. pl.	
<b>ESTAS</b> THESE fem. pl.	<b>ESAS</b> THOSE fem. pl.	<b>AQUELLAS</b> THOSE fem. pl.	

## Examples:

This book - **Este libro**

That backpack – **Esa mochila**

These books – **Estos libros**

Those backpacks – **Aquellas mochilas**  
(*way over there*)