SPANISH 101 SPANISH DETERMINERS: ARTICLES, **POSSESSIVES & MORE**



<u>Esta</u> bicicleta es mía. <u>This</u> bike is mine.



Esos gatos son bonitos. Those cats are pretty.

CHART OF <u>DETERMINERS</u> IN SPANISH

DEFINITE & INDEFINITE

Definite	Indefinite
El / Los	Un / Unos
La/Las	Una/Unas
Dos / Tres	Poco / Mucho

POSSESSIVES

Singular

Mi, tu, su, nuestro, nuestra, vuestro, vuestra

Plural

Mis, tus, sus, nuestros, nuestras, vuestros, vuestras

DEMONSTRATIVES

Singular	Plural
Este / Estos	Esta / Estas
Ese / Esos	Esa / Esas
Aquel /Aquellos	Aquella / Aquellas

EXCLAMATIVE & INTERROGATIVES

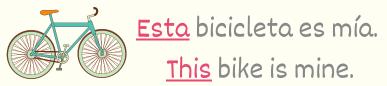
Exclamative	Interrogative
jQué! jCuánto!	¿Qué? ¿Cuál? ¿Cuánto?

DEMONSTRATIVE <u>DETERMINERS</u> IN SPANISH

SINGULAR NOUNS

Placed before <u>singular</u> nouns

Masculine	Feminine
Este	Esta
Ese	Esa
Aquel	Aquella



PLURAL NOUNS

Placed before <u>plural</u> nouns

Masculine	Feminine
Estos	Estas
Esos	Esas
Aquellos	Aquellas



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Note: Demonstratives express the <u>distance</u> between the speaker and an object (noun).

SPANISH <u>INDEFINITE</u> VS <u>DEFINITE</u> DETERMINERS

DEFINITE DETERMINERS

Identify a <u>specific</u> noun.



El <u>libro</u> que leí es muy bueno. The <u>book</u> I read was very good.

NDEFINITE DETERMINERS

Identify a noun in a more <u>imprecise</u> way.



Quiero leer <mark>un</mark> libro de terror. I want to read <mark>a</mark> horror book.

KEY POINTS: <u>Determiners</u> in Spanish

- Depending on the information they convey, Spanish determiners are classified into:
 - **Possessives:** Express that a noun **belongs to** someone or something.
 - **<u>Demonstratives</u>**: Demonstrate **how far** the noun is in relation to the speaker.
 - **Definite:** Identify a **specific** noun. <u>Definite articles</u> and numbers are examples of these determinatives.
 - **Indefinite:** Refer to a noun in an **imprecise** way. <u>Spanish indefinite articles</u> and quantifiers are examples of this type of determiner.
 - **Exclamative & Interrogative: Inquire** or **emphasize**_information about the noun. Some <u>question</u> words in Spanish can work as a form of determiners.

KEY POINTS: <u>Determiners</u> in Spanish

- Determiners are words that **identify** and provide more information about a noun.
- Spanish determiners are **always placed before** the noun. <u>Stressed possessive determiners</u> are the only exception to this rule for emphatic purposes.
- Most determiners in Spanish **mark** the gender and number of the noun they work with.

- Often, people confuse some determiners with adjectives because they both modify the noun.
 Spanish adjectives express the characteristics of a noun.
 - On the other hand, Spanish determiners identify, intensify and are placed **before** a noun. Unlike adjectives, determiners can be used as <u>pronouns in Spanish</u>.

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