Hola a todos! I hope your week is going well as you are learning more in Spanish and preparing for your first exam. Remember to continue using resources like this one when studying this week, and I am confident you will do great during exam week! This week’s resource will cover feminine and masculine articles, classroom vocabulary, some basic question formulas, and a short quiz at the end.

**Feminine vs Masculine Articles**

Unlike in English, Spanish articles consist of both Feminine and Masculine Articles. In general (though not true in all cases), if the noun being described by the article ends in the letter “a”, then it is feminine, and the others are masculine. Below is a chart some of the first articles we will use in Spanish used in conjunction with definite objects.

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**Around the Class Vocab:**

Here is a list of some necessary vocabular for things around the classroom. Pay attention to the definite articles used before the noun.

- La clase/El aula - Classroom
- La pizarra/El pizarrón - Blackboard/Whiteboard
- La tiza - Chalk
- El marcador - Marker
- El escritorio/El pupitre - Desk
- La silla/El banco - Chair
- La mochila/El morral - Backpack
- El libro - Book
- El cuaderno - Notebook
- El papel - Paper
- El lápiz - Pencil
El bolígrafo/La Pluma – Pen

Some Important Question Equations:

You may begin hearing your teacher ask you some of these questions and expect a response. It is important to understand these now, as these are some very foundational questions to basic conversations and will propel your beginning Spanish abilities.

Donde+ (estar) + obj.? = Where is (obj.)?
De donde +(ser) +obj.? = From where is (obj.)?
Cual + (ser)? = Which is _?

Cuando + (ser)? = When is _?
Que + (ser)? = What is _?
Como? = How _?

Quiz Time!

Try to formulate the question that should accompany they provided answer using the structures above. Pay attention to new vocab and definite articles being used.

Yo estoy bien.  
Yo estoy haciendo mi tarea.  
Soy de Texas.  
Mi libro está en mi mochila.

Yo voy a las tres.  
Mi mama es de los Estados Unidos.  
Yo estoy en la clase.  
Mi clase empieza en diez minutos.

The letter J to Spanish language

Tutoring Tip: Be sure to start asking students some of the questions above, and correcting students on their responses this week, as this is what their teachers will be doing the entire semester 😊

Remember, we also provide free online tutoring for Spanish courses, so make sure to schedule appointments as needed at https://www.baylor.edu/support_programs/index.php?id=40917.

Answers to Quiz:

¿Como estas?
¿Qué estás haciendo?
¿De dónde eres?
¿Dónde está tu libro?
¿Cuándo va a ir?
¿De dónde es tu mamá?
¿Dónde estás?
¿Cuándo empieza tu clase?