

SCENE 10 • GRAMMAR

Las sillas están aquí

Basic plurals and plural agreement

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

The empty flat

Spanish

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More than one noun

After a vowel, normally add **-s**: **silla, sillas**. After most consonants, add **-es**: **luz, luces, sillón, sillones**. Notice **z changes to c before -es** in **luces**. The written accent in **sillón** is not needed in **sillones**.

ONE AND MORE THAN ONE

Singular	Plural	Meaning
la silla	las sillas	chair / chairs
la lámpara	las lámparas	lamp / lamps
el sillón	los sillones	armchair / armchairs
la luz	las luces	light / lights

Articles, adjectives and verbs also agree

Las sillas son blancas. Both **blancas** and **son** refer to several chairs. For location, use **están**: **Los muebles están aquí.** **Los muebles** is the usual plural word for furniture.

Plural ownership

Mi becomes **mis** before more than one noun; **tu** becomes **tus** and **su** becomes **sus**: **mis tazas, tus libros, sus llaves**. The number belongs to the things owned, not how many owners there are.

GRAMMAR**G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE**

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Las sillas _____ blancas.

- ☐ A es
- ☐ B son
- ☐ C está

Meaning: The chairs are white.

2 Los muebles _____ aquí.

- ☐ A hay
- ☐ B están
- ☐ C está

Meaning: The furniture is here.

3 Tengo dos _____.

- ☐ A sillones
- ☐ B sillóns
- ☐ C sillón

Meaning: I have two armchairs.

4 Estas son _____ tazas.

- ☐ A su
- ☐ B mi
- ☐ C mis

Meaning: These are my cups.

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

sillas luces luz

Hay dos _____ y tres _____.

Meaning: There are two lights and three chairs.

rojas roja

Las lámparas son _____.

Meaning: The lamps are red.

están está

Tus llaves _____ aquí.

Meaning: Your keys are here.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

1 cocina. tazas Mis están en la

Meaning: My cups are in the kitchen.

2 son Las sillas pequeñas.

Meaning: The chairs are small.

3 baño. en hay No sillones el

Meaning: There are no armchairs in the bathroom.

G4) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

1 mis llaves

A your cups

2 tus tazas

B my keys

3 sus muebles

C his/her/their furniture

G5) CHECK THE CONTRAST IN A NEW CONTEXT

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

su tus sus

La taza es de Clara. Es _____ taza. Las llaves son de Clara.

Son _____ llaves.

Meaning: The cup is Clara's. It is her cup. The keys are Clara's.
They are her keys.