

## Nouns with O/A Forms

Many profession nouns have masculine forms that end in **o**. These forms can be made feminine by changing the **o** to an **a**. Here is a list of very common examples of this type of profession noun.

Spanish	English
<b>el abogado</b>	<i>lawyer</i>
<b>el arquitecto</b>	<i>architect</i>
<b>el bibliotecario</b>	<i>librarian</i>
<b>el biólogo</b>	<i>biologist</i>
<b>el bombero</b>	<i>fireman</i>
<b>el camarero</b>	<i>waiter</i>
<b>el carnicero</b>	<i>butcher</i>
<b>el carpintero</b>	<i>carpenter</i>
<b>el cartero</b>	<i>mailperson</i>
<b>el científico</b>	<i>scientist</i>
<b>el cirujano</b>	<i>surgeon</i>
<b>el cocinero</b>	<i>cook</i>
<b>el enfermero</b>	<i>nurse</i>
<b>el farmacéutico</b>	<i>pharmacologist</i>
<b>el fotógrafo</b>	<i>photographer</i>
<b>el geólogo</b>	<i>geologist</i>
<b>el ingeniero</b>	<i>engineer</i>
<b>el jardinero</b>	<i>gardener</i>
<b>el joyero</b>	<i>jeweler</i>
<b>el maestro</b>	<i>teacher</i>
<b>el mecánico</b>	<i>mechanic</i>
<b>el médico</b>	<i>doctor</i>
<b>el ministro</b>	<i>minister</i>
<b>el músico</b>	<i>musician</i>
<b>el político</b>	<i>politician</i>
<b>el presidente</b>	<i>president</i>
<b>el psicólogo</b>	<i>psychologist</i>
<b>el secretario</b>	<i>secretary</i>

### Exceptions

The masculine and feminine forms of the following nouns are the same. Only the article changes to match the gender of the person.

Masculine Profession	Feminine Profession	English
<b>el piloto</b>	<b>la piloto</b>	<i>pilot</i>
<b>el modelo</b>	<b>la modelo</b>	<i>model</i>

## Nouns that End in a Consonant

There are also many profession nouns with masculine forms that end in a consonant. These forms can be made feminine by adding an **a** to the end of the masculine form. Here is a list of very common examples of these profession nouns.

Spanish	English
<b>el profesor</b>	<i>teacher</i>
<b>el administrador</b>	<i>administrator</i>
<b>el director</b>	<i>director</i>
<b>el programador</b>	<i>programmer</i>
<b>el agricultor</b>	<i>farmer</i>
<b>el investigador</b>	<i>investigator</i>
<b>el pastor</b>	<i>pastor</i>

Spanish	English
<b>el traductor</b>	<i>translator</i>
<b>el bailarín</b>	<i>dancer</i>
<b>el embajador</b>	<i>ambassador</i>
<b>el entrenador</b>	<i>trainer</i>
<b>el redactor</b>	<i>editor</i>
<b>el vendedor</b>	<i>salesperson</i>
<b>el escritor</b>	<i>writer</i>

## Nouns that Don't Change

There are also many profession nouns that always have the same form.

- If a noun ends in **-ista**, **-ia**, or **e**, only the article changes to match the gender of the person.
- There are also some nouns that always end in **a**, regardless of whether they are masculine or feminine. Most of these end in **-ta**.

Masculine Form	Feminine Form	English
<b>el dentista</b>	<b>la dentista</b>	<i>dentist</i>
<b>el policía</b>	<b>la policía</b>	<i>police officer</i>

Here is a list of common professions that follow this rule.

<b>el contable</b>	<i>accountant</i>
<b>el atleta</b>	<i>athlete</i>
<b>el detective</b>	<i>detective</i>
<b>el cantante</b>	<i>singer</i>
<b>el estudiante</b>	<i>student</i>
<b>el esteticista</b>	<i>beautician</i>
<b>el electricista</b>	<i>electrician</i>
<b>el periodista</b>	<i>journalist</i>
<b>el recepcionista</b>	<i>receptionist</i>
<b>el guardia</b>	<i>guard</i>
<b>el terapeuta</b>	<i>therapist</i>
<b>el artista</b>	<i>artist</i>
<b>el oficinista</b>	<i>office worker</i>
<b>el florista</b>	<i>florist</i>
<b>el taxista</b>	<i>taxis driver</i>