

GRAMMAR LESSON 11.

5. THE DEFINITE ARTICLE combined with the preposition *á* *at* or *to*, takes the form of *al*, for masculine singular, *á los* for masculine plural, *á la* for feminine singular and *á las* for feminine plural.

Examples: Eso pertenece *al* padre, *that belongs to the father*; *dé* usted *ese á los* niños, *give that to the children*.

6. THE DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES *this, that, these, those*, vary in Spanish according to the number and gender of the noun they precede.

Singular		Plural	
Masc.	Fem.	Masc.	Fem.
<i>este this</i>	<i>esta</i>	<i>estos these</i>	<i>estas</i>
<i>ese that</i>	<i>esa</i>	<i>esos those</i>	<i>esas</i>
<i>aquel that</i>	<i>aquella</i>	<i>aquellos those</i>	<i>aquellas</i>

Demonstratives are considered always *from the point of view of the speaker* and apply: *este* to any person or object near him, *ese* to any person or object near the person whom he may address, *aquel* to any person or object distant from both.

Example: *Esta casa es más grande que esa, pero aquella iglesia es más grande que las dos juntas*; *this* (near me) house is larger than *that* (near you), but *that* church (far away) is larger than the two together.

7. For the **verbs** there are three conjugations, determined by the ending of the Infinitive.

<i>e</i>	Those ending in ar form the 1st. conjugation, as <i>hablar, to speak</i>
<i>u</i>	" " er " 2nd " <i>aprender, to learn</i>
<i>re</i>	" " ir " 3rd " <i>vivir, to live</i>

CONJUGATION. *Hablar to speak.*

1st Pers. Yo hablo, <i>I speak</i>	nosotros (as) hablamos <i>we</i>	} <i>speak</i>
2nd " tu hablas, <i>thou speakest</i>	vosotros (as) habláis <i>you</i>	
3rd " él, ella, habla, <i>he, she</i>	ellos, ellas, hablan <i>they</i>	

speaks

Note.—Yo hablo means *I speak, I am speaking, or I do speak.*

Verbs conjugated like *hablar*;
comprar, to buy; *tomar, to take*.
hallar, to find; *llevar, to carry*.
pasar, to pass; *entrar, to enter*.
saludar, to greet; *amar, to love*.
visitar, to visit; *besar, to kiss*.

Exercise.—Write or speak in English:—

- (a) Cuatro visitantes entran en la sala. El tío y la tía visitan á la familia. La madre estrecha la mano á la tía. Este niño besa á su prima. Estos niños aman á sus parientes. Los niños juegan con las muñecas. La sobrina saluda á la prima.

- (b) Write or speak in Spanish:—These children play in the drawing-room. We shake hands with the visitors. The mother greets the aunt. The servant enters the room. The children pass the day with the family. The son greets the cousin. The baby plays with the doll. How do you do?