

Creating Noun Modifiers with DE Phrases

In English we use nouns to modify nouns, and those nouns function as **adjectives**.

a **gold** ring (gold is a noun, not an adjective, but here it's used as an adjective.)

a **silk** dress, a **wool** coat, a **glass** bowl, **diamond** earrings

In Spanish we use nouns as nouns and adjectives as adjectives. When there is no adjective, we use a noun to modify another noun, and we must use **DE + the noun**.

Noun + DE + Noun

la **lata de aluminio**
la **tubería de cobre**
el **cable de acero**

aluminum can
copper pipe
steel cable

FOOD

taza DE-
vaso DE-
copa DE-
chuleta DE-
sándwich DE-

CLOTHING

DE rayas
DE cuadros
DE lunares
DE lana
DE algodón

MATERIALS

DE oro
DE plata
DE cristal
DE madera
DE plástico

PACKAGING

barra DE
botella DE
caja DE
docena DE
galón DE

NOUN + DE + NOUN

Write the English translation for each of the following

abrigo de lana _____

agencia de viajes _____

agua de colonia _____

ama de casa _____