

Spanish

Talking about illness and injury [3 / 3]
- Singular vs Plural subjects with *doler*

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**No accent if the final syllable ends
in consonant other than [n] or [s]**

luz

[light]



salud

[health]

Final syllable stress

miel

[honey]

hospital

[hospital]

dolor

[pain]

enfermedad

[disease/illness]



Singular vs Plural Subjects with *Doler*

To talk about which body part hurts, use the verb *doler*:

Use **me duele** for one body part.

Me duele la pierna.

[My leg hurts]

Use **Me duelen** for more than one body part.

Me duelen las piernas.

[My legs hurt]



¿Me duele o Me duelen?

		Me duele	Me duelen	English
1.	dos orejas			2 ears
2.	cuatro manos			4 hands
3.	la cabeza			head
4.	la espalda			back
5.	la garganta y la pierna			throat and leg



En la clínica

1. Tengo mucho sueño y me duele/me duelen la cabeza.
2. Me he quemado las manos y ahora **me duele** /me duelen mucho.
3. Estoy enfermo y me duele/me duelen la espalda.
4. Me he cortado la oreja y me duele/ **me duelen** muchísimo.
5. Me he roto las piernas y **me duele**/ me duelen bastante.



Translation Practice

Copy the sentences below and translate them into Spanish.

- 1.** I have hurt my legs.
- 2.** I am feeling sleepy and I have hurt my head.
- 3.** I have broken my back and it hurts a lot.
- 4.** I am ill and I have hurt my ears.
- 5.** I have cut my hand and it hurts.



1. I have hurt my legs.

Me d_____ l_____ p_____.

2. I am feeling sleepy and I have hurt my head.

T_____ muc_____ su_____ y me _____ la _____.

3. I have broken my back and it hurts a lot.

Me _____ ro_____ la _____ y me _____ m_____.

4. I am ill and I have hurt my ears.

Es _____ e_____ y m_____ d_____ las o_____.

5. I have cut my hand and it hurts.

M_____ he c_____ la m_____ y me d_____.



Respuesta

1. Me duelen las piernas.
2. Tengo mucho sueño y me duele la cabeza.
3. Me he roto la espalda y me duele mucho.
4. Estoy enfermo y me duelen las orejas.
5. Me he cortado la mano y me duele.



1. The verb *doler* means 'to hurt'
2. If more than one body part hurts, use "me duelen"
3. "Las piernas" are your legs.
4. "I've hurt my back" is:
Me duele la espalda.
5. 'I've hurt my ears' is:
Me duelen las orejas.

