

Adjectives - Adjetivos

Adjectives describe nouns. They tell which noun (that book), what-kind-of noun (big book) and how many of a noun (one book, many books).

Position of Adjectives: In Spanish, **descriptive** adjectives (the *what-kind-of* type) usually follow the noun while the **limiting** adjectives (the *which* and *how many* types) come before the noun.

Agreement: In Spanish, adjectives must agree with the nouns they modify in number (singular or plural) and in gender (masculine or feminine).

- Adjectives ending in **-o** will agree in **number and gender** with the nouns they modify. These will have four forms.

masculine. sing.

chicoo bueno

feminine sing.

chicaa buena

masculine pl.

chicos buenos

feminine pl.

chicas buenas

- Adjectives ending in a consonant, or in a vowel other than **-o**, have the same form for the masculine and feminine. These will agree only in **number** with the nouns they modify and, therefore, will have only two forms.

singular

- el curso fácil
- la clase fácil

plural

los cursos fáciles
las clases fáciles

- el amigo inteligente
- la amiga inteligente

los amigos inteligentes
las amigas inteligentes

- el profesor popular
- la profesora popular

los profesores populares
las profesoras populares

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- Adjectives of **nationality** not ending in **-o** and adjectives ending in **-án**, **-dór**, **-ín** and **-ón** will add **-a** to form the feminine form. These will also agree in **number and gender** and, therefore, have four forms.

masculine. sing.

señor español
profesor japonés
chico hablador (talkative)
oso bailarín (dancing bear)

feminine sing.

señorita española
muchacha japonesa
alumna habladora
chica bailarina

masculine pl.

señores españoles
profesores japoneses
chicos habladores
osos bailarines

feminine pl.

señoritas españolas
muchachas japonesas
alumnas habladoras
chicas bailarinas

Plurals The plural of the adjective is formed like the plural of nouns:

Adjectives ending in a vowel → add **-s**

Adjectives ending in a consonant → add **-es**

(Don't forget: If the final letter of the word is a **-z**, change the **z** to **c** and then add the **-es**)

- el niño feliz los niños felices