**ADJECTIVES**

1. Agreement

Adjectives, or describing words (eg tall, important) tell you more about a noun. In French, adjectives are masculine, feminine, singular or plural to agree with the noun.

Look at the patterns in the tables below to see how adjectives agree.

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| **Sing masculine** | **Sing feminine** | **Plural masculine** | **Plural feminine** |
| *grand* | *grande* | *grands* | *grandes* |

Adjectives which end in –u, -I, or –é change in spelling, but sound the same

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| *bleu*  *joli*  *fatigué* | *bleue*  *jolie*  *fatiguée* | *bleus*  *jolis*  *fatigués* | *bleues*  *jolies*  *fatiguées* |

Adjectives which already end in –e (with no accent) have no different feminine form:

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| *jaune* | *jaune* | *jaunes* | *jaunes* |

Ajectives which already end in –s have no different masculine plural form:

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| *français* | *française* | *français* | *françaises* |

Adjectives which end in –er follow this pattern:

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| *cher* | *chere* | *chèrs* | *chères* |

Adjectives which end in –eux follow this pattern:

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| *délicieux* | *délicieuse* | *délicieux* | *délicieuses* |

Some adjectives double the last letter before adding an –e for the feminine form:

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| *gros*  *bon* | *grosse*  *bonne* | *gros*  *bons* | *grosses*  *bonnes* |

**2 Irregular adjectives**

Many common adjectives are irregular, and you need to learn each one separately. Here are some common ones:

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| *blanc*  *long*  *vieux (vieil)*  *nouveau (nouvel)*  *beau (bel)* | *blanche*  *longue*  *vieille*  *nouvelle*  *belle* | *blancs*  *longs*  *vieux*  *nouveaux*  *beaux* | *blanches*  *longues*  *vieilles*  *nouvelles*  *belles* |

(Vieil, nouvel, bel are used before masculine nouns which begin with a vowel)

A few adjectives are invariable (inv.) and do not change at all:

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| *marron*  *bleu marine*  *vert foncé*  *gris clair* | *marron*  *bleu marine*  *vert foncé*  *gris clair* | *marron*  *bleu marine*  *vert foncé*  *gris clair* | *marron*  *bleu marine*  *vert foncé*  *gris clair* |

**3 position of adjectives**

Adjectives normally follow the noun: *Regarde cette jupe noire*

Some common adjectives go **before** the noun e.g. ***grand, petit, bon, mauvais, beau, jeune, vieux, joli, gros, premier, court, long, haut.***

*C’est un petit garcon*