

Les adjectifs

What is an adjective?

- An adjective is a describing word
- Regular adjectives agree with the noun that they describe. This means that they do the following thing:

Feminine words

- If the word described is feminine ie starting with
- la
- or
- une

Put an e at the end of the adjective

Examples!

- La robe verte
- La jupe grise
- La chemise noire
- La grande maison
- La jolie ville
- The green dress
- The grey skirt
- The black shirt
- The big house
- The pretty town

Masculine words

- If the word described is masculine starting with
- Le
- Or
- un
- Then you will not add anything

Examples!

- Le pantalon vert
- Le manteau gris
- Le chien noir
- Le grand appartement
- Le chat blanc
- The green trousers
- The grey coat
- The black dog
- The big apartment
- The white cat

Masculine plural words

- If the word described is masculine plural ie starting with
 - Les
 - or
 - Des
- Add s at the end of the adjective

Examples!

- Les pantalons verts
- Les manteaux gris
- Les chiens noirs
- Les grands appartements
- Les chats blancs
- The green trousers
- The grey coats
- The black dogs
- The big apartments
- The white cats

Feminine plural words

- If the word described is feminine plural ie starting with
 - Les
 - Or
 - Des
- Put **es** at the end of the adjective

Examples!

- Les robes vertes
- Les jupes grises
- Les chemises noires
- Les grandes maisons
- Les jolies villes
- The green dresses
- The grey skirts
- The black shirts
- The big houses
- The nice towns

Where do adjectives go in French?

- Most adjectives come after the noun that they describe

Examples!

- A modern house
- An ugly city hall
- A dirty street
- A picturesque village
- A pleasant harbour
- An industrial town
- A historical castle
- Une maison moderne
- Un hôtel de ville moche
- Une rue sale
- Un village pittoresque
- Un port agréable
- Une ville industrielle
- Un château historique

Which ones do not go after the noun?

- Petit
- Bon
- Nouveau
- Beau
- Autre
- Grand
- Mauvais
- Vieux
- Ancien
- Jeune
- Small
- Good
- New
- Beautiful
- Other
- Tall
- Bad
- Old
- Ancient
- Young

Examples!

- Un petit chien
- Un vieux théâtre
- Une ancienne maison
- Un bon café
- Un autre livre
- Un mauvais film
- Un grand hôtel
- A little dog
- An old theatre
- An old house
- A good café
- Another book
- A bad film
- A big hotel

Exceptions

- **Some adjectives do not follow the rules.....**

| | Masculine singular | Feminine singular | Masculine plural | Feminine plural |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>boring</i> | ennuyeux | ennuyeuse | ennuyeux | ennuyeuses |
| <i>Lazy</i> | paresseux | paresseuse | paresseux | paresseuses |
| <i>Hard working</i> | travailleur | travailleuse | travailleurs | travailleuses |
| <i>nice</i> | gentil | gentille | gentils | gentilles |
| <i>industrial</i> | industriel | industrielle | industriels | industrielles |
| <i>old</i> | vieux | vieille | vieux | vieilles |
| <i>beautiful</i> | beau | belle | beaux | belles |
| <i>new</i> | nouveau | nouvelle | nouveaux | nouvelles |