Les Adjectifs Nom:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**REGULAR ADJECTIVES**

Adjectives always agree in number and gender with the noun they modify

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In the feminine, the final consonant is pronounced.

Most adjectives add e to the feminine and **s** to the masculine and **es** to the feminine plural**.**

**Il est amusant Elle est amusante Ils sont amusants Elles sont amusantes**

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| amusing | amusant | **amusante** | **amusants** | **amusantes** |
| English | anglais |  |  |  |
| hot | chaud |  |  |  |
| happy | content |  |  |  |
| short | court |  |  |  |
| straight | droit |  |  |  |
| stunning | époustouflant |  |  |  |
| Strong | fort |  |  |  |
| French | français |  |  |  |
| cold | froid |  |  |  |
| big | grand |  |  |  |
| grey | gris |  |  |  |
| high | haut |  |  |  |
| intelligent | intelligent |  |  |  |
| full | plein |  |  |  |
| interesting | intéressant |  |  |  |
| nasty | méchant |  |  |  |
| ugly | laid |  |  |  |
| slow | lent |  |  |  |
| heavy | lourd |  |  |  |
| bad | mauvais |  |  |  |
| nasty | méchant |  |  |  |
| perfect | parfait |  |  |  |
| small | petit |  |  |  |
| powerful | puissant |  |  |  |

If an adjective ends in an **R** or **L** or a vowel then it **sounds the same** in the masculine and feminine forms.

Le stylo est noir la voiture est noire

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| blue | bleu | bleue | bleus | bleues |
| complicated | compliqué |  |  |  |
| sorry | désolé |  |  |  |
| tired | fatigué |  |  |  |
| pretty | joli |  |  |  |
| polite | poli |  |  |  |
| clear | clair |  |  |  |
| hard | dur |  |  |  |
| black | noir |  |  |  |
| best | meilleur |  |  |  |

Adjectives ending in e stay the same in masculine and feminine forms

Le stylo est jaune la voiture est jaune

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| pleasant | agréable |  |  |  |
| calm | calme |  |  |  |
| famous | célèbre |  |  |  |
| unpleasant | désdagréable |  |  |  |
| difficult | difficile |  |  |  |
| easy | facile |  |  |  |
| fantastic | fantastique |  |  |  |
| fantastic | formidable |  |  |  |
| honest | honnête |  |  |  |
| yellow | jaune |  |  |  |
| young | jeune |  |  |  |
| wide | large |  |  |  |
| free | libre |  |  |  |
| magnificent | magnifique |  |  |  |
| ill | malade |  |  |  |
| thin | mince |  |  |  |
| modern | moderne |  |  |  |
| necessary | nécessaire |  |  |  |
| poor | pauvre |  |  |  |
| popular | populaire |  |  |  |
| fast | rapide |  |  |  |
| rich | riche |  |  |  |
| dirty | sale |  |  |  |
| shy | timide |  |  |  |
| Worst | pire |  |  |  |

The following adjectives (and generally adjectives ending in el, eil, il, en, on, et, s) double the final consonant before adding **e.**

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| cruel | cruel | cruelle | cruels | cruelles |
| thick | épais |  |  |  |
| same | pareil |  |  |  |
| kind | gentil |  |  |  |
| old / former | ancien |  |  |  |
| good | bon |  |  |  |
| clean | net |  |  |  |
| low | bas |  |  |  |
| fatty | gras |  |  |  |
| Fat / big | gros |  |  |  |
| rubbish | nul |  |  |  |
| stupid | sot |  |  |  |
| personal | personnel |  |  |  |

The following take an accent in the feminine:

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| complete | complet | complète | complets | complètes |
| discreet | discret |  |  |  |
| worried | inquiet |  |  |  |
| secret | secret |  |  |  |

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| ready | prêt | prête | prêts | prêtes |

Adjectives ending in **er**

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| bitter | amer | amère | amers | amères |
| expensive | cher |  |  |  |
| Last / latest | dernier |  |  |  |
| foreign | étranger |  |  |  |
| proud | fier |  |  |  |
| light | léger |  |  |  |
| first | premier |  |  |  |

Adjectives ending in **X**

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| courageous | courageux | courageuse | courageux | courageuses |
| curious | curieux |  |  |  |
| boring | ennuyeux |  |  |  |
| furious | furieux |  |  |  |
| happy | heureux |  |  |  |
| generous | généreux |  |  |  |
| jealous | jaloux |  |  |  |
| marvellous | merveilleux |  |  |  |
| lazy | paresseux |  |  |  |
| Serious / hardworking | sérieux |  |  |  |

Adjectives ending in **eur**

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| lying | menteur | menteuse | menteurs | menteuses |
| hardworking | travailleur |  |  |  |
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Adjectives ending in **F**

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| active | actif | active | actifs | actives |
| new | neuf |  |  |  |
| sporty | sportif |  |  |  |
| Lively | vif |  |  |  |
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Adjectives ending in **al** – some just add **s** whereas others change to **aux** in the masculine plural

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| legal | légal | légale | légaux | légales |
| loyal | loyal | loyale | loyaux | loyales |
| medieval | médiéval | médiévale | médiévaux | médiévales |
| royal | royal | royale | royaux | royales |
| banal | banal | banale | **banals** | banales |
| fatal | fatal | fatale | **fatals** | fatales |
| final | final | finale | **finals** | finales |

IRREGULAR ADJECTIVES

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| beautiful | beau  **bel** before vowel | belle | beaux | belles |
| new | nouveau  **nouvel** before a vowel | nouvelle | nouveaux | nouvelles |
| old | vieux  **vieil** before a vowel | vieille | vieux | vieilles |
| crazy | fou | folle | fous | folles |
| white | blanc | blanche | blancs | blanches |
| dry | sec | sèche | secs | sèches |
| Greek | grec | grecque | grecs | greques |
| public | public | publique | publics | publiques |
| long | long | longue | longs | longues |
| favourite | favori | favorite | favoris | favorites |
| fresh | frais | fraîche | frais | fraîches |
| public | public | publique | publics | publiques |
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INVARIABLE ADJECTIVES

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|  | MASCULINE SINGULAR | FEMININE SINGULAR | | MASCULINE PLURAL | FEMININE PLURAL |
| brown | marron | marron | | marron | marron |
| orange | orange | orange | | orange | orange |
| nice | sympa | sympa | sympas | | sympas |

**Position of Adjectives**

As a general rule these adjectives come before the noun. Those in red can go before or after:

Although the BRAGS rule works most of the time the best is to learn which adjectives go before.

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| **BEAUTY** | **RANK** | **AGE** | **GOOD**  **NESS** | **SIZE** |  |
| Beau  joli | Premier  deuxième | Jeune  Vieux  nouveau | Bon  Mauvais  Meilleur  Gentil  Villain  Méchant  Pire  merveilleux | Petit  Grand  Gros  Long  court  Long  Bref  haut | Vrai  Faux  autre |

NB : J’ai passé **de** merveilleuses vacances. J’ai passé **des** vacances merveilleuses.

The following adjectives change meaning depending on their position:

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| Meaning before |  | Meaning after |
| Bitter (experience) | **amer** | Bitter taste |
| former | **ancien** | old |
| good | **bon** | kind |
| good | **brave** | courageous |
| certain | **certain** | definite |
| dear | **cher** | expensive |
| various | **différent** | different |
| Great / large | **grand** | tall |
| same | **même** | very |
| own | **propre** | clean |
| bad | **sale** | dirty |
| Poor / worthless | **triste** | sad |
| disagreeable | **vilain** | bad |
| true | **vrai** | quite |

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