

Notes: **Adjectives**

Review: Parts of Speech

A **noun** is a person, place, thing, or idea.
For example: Ms Cash, Tilden, the desk, education

An **adjective** is a word that describes a noun.
For example: wonderful, blue, plastic, great

Review: Word Order

In English, adjectives come **before** the noun.
For example: good computer
In Spanish, adjectives come **after** the noun.
For example: computadora buena

Review: Gender & Number

In Spanish, adjectives can be: 1)masculine **or** feminine (Gender) 2)singular **or** plural (Number)

Examples of Spanish Adjectives

Masculine		Feminine	
Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
serio	serios	seria	serias
deportista	deportistas	deportista	deportistas
trabajador	trabajadores	trabajadora	trabajadoras
paciente	pacientes	paciente	pacientes
joven	jóvenes*	joven	jóvenes

Review: Agreement

Adjectives must agree with the noun they describe in gender AND number.

*Remember: Nouns **never** change their gender, Adjectives do!*

Gender

If a noun ends in the letter **O**, it is masculine.
If a noun ends in the letter **A**, it is feminine.
If a noun ends in e, n, z, or another letter, you have to look at the definite article (el, la, los, las) to tell the gender.

Number

If a noun ends in the letter **S**, it is usually plural; just like English!
Example:
1 apple = singular, 1 manzana = singular
2 apples = plural, 2 manzanas = plural

Examples of feminine nouns & adjectives:

- la chica (the girl): feminine noun**
la chica graciosa = the funny girl las chicas graciosas = the funny girls
- la bufanda (the scarf) = feminine noun**
la bufanda roja = the red scarf las bufandas rojas = the red scarves
- la madre (the mother) = feminine noun**
la madre seria = the serious mother las madres serias = the serious mothers

Examples of masculine nouns & adjectives:

- el chico (the boy): masculine noun**
el chico gracioso = the funny boy los chicos graciosos = the funny boys
- el zapato (the shoe): masculine noun**
el zapato amarillo = the yellow shoe los zapatos amarillos = the yellow shoes
- el café: masculine noun**
el café delicioso = the delicious coffee los cafes deliciosos = the delicious coffees