**Adjective agreement**

Spanish adjectives are used to describe nouns. They can describe things or tell how many there are. The Spanish adjectives must agree in both gender and number.

**Adjective Agreement in Gender**

**Adjectives Ending in “o”**

Let’s take a simple describing word like “simpático”. The English translation would be “nice”. In English we would use “nice” to describe a male or a female. In Spanish you must make the adjective agree in gender by adding the correct ending.

The nice man = El hombre simpático

The nice woman = La mujer simpática

So, if the adjective ends in “o” it needs to switch to “a” if it is describing a female noun.

For the describing word “viejo” (old):

The old man = El hombre viejo

The old woman = La mujer vieja

**Spanish Adjectives Ending in “e” or a Consonant:**

If the adjective ends in an “e” or a consonant you don’t have to worry about changing the ending to match the gender of the noun being described.

The tolerant boy = El chico tolerante

The tolerant girl = La chica tolerante

The loyal man = El hombre leal

The loyal woman = La mujer leal

**Spanish Adjective Agreement in Number**

**Adjectives ending in a vowel:**

If a Spanish noun is plural the adjective has to be plural too. If the adjective ends in a vowel you just add a “s” to the end of the word:

The nice man = El hombre simpático

The nice men = Los hombres simpáticos

The nice woman = La mujer simpática

The nice women = Las mujeres simpáticas

**Adjectives ending in a consonant**

If the adjective ends in a consonant you add “es” to make it plural:

The loyal man = El hombre leal

The loyal men = Los hombres leales

The loyal woman = La mujer leal

The loyal woman = Las mujeres leales

**Adjective Placement in Spanish**

If the adjective describes the quality of the noun it normally goes after it:

The handsome man = El hombre guapo

The pretty woman = La mujer bonita

If the adjective describes the quantity it goes in front of the noun:

I have two friends. = Tengo dos amigos.

You have many friends. = Tienes muchos amigos.