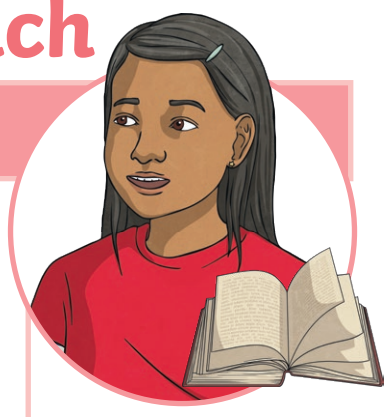


Adjectives in French

Key Information



Adjectives are words that describe things, people, places and ideas.

In French, adjectives must 'agree' with the noun they are describing. They need different endings depending on whether the noun is **masculine**, **feminine**, **singular** or **plural**.

If you look up an adjective in the dictionary or online, it will always be listed in the **masculine** singular form, e.g. **grand** (big/tall).

Look at these examples:

Remember

Most adjectives in French go **after** the noun they are describing. However, some adjectives, such as those describing size, age or beauty, go **before** the noun, e.g. **une petite souris** (a small mouse), **un grand chien** (a big dog), **un jeune enfant** (a young child) and **une jolie fleur** (a pretty flower).

Masculine Singular

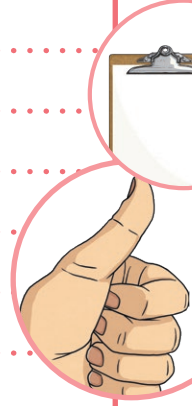
Feminine Singular

Most regular adjectives➔	Add an extra -e at the end
e.g. un livre intéressant➔	une histoire intéressante
(an interesting book)		(an interesting story)
Ends in -e➔	Stays the same
e.g. un pull rouge➔	une jupe rouge
(a red jumper)		(a red skirt)



Write the correct adjective for each noun depending on whether it's **masculine** or **feminine**. The first one has been done for you.

1. the green car	la voiture verte (vert)
2. a small house	une _____ (petit) maison
3. a tall boy	un _____ (grand) garçon
4. a yellow flower	une fleur _____ (jaune)
5. the tired dog	le chien _____ (fatigué)
6. a happy girl	une fille _____ (content)
7. a sad baby	un bébé _____ (triste)
8. a cold sandwich	un sandwich _____ (froid)
9. a hot drink	une boisson _____ (chaud)
10. the blue skirt	la jupe _____ (bleu)



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Plural Adjectives

Remember

Some adjectives, like **marron** (brown) and **orange** (orange) never change, whether the noun they are describing is masculine, feminine, singular or plural.
e.g. **des chaussures marron** (some brown shoes), **des chaises orange** (some orange chairs).

Look at these examples:

Masculine Plural

Add an **-s** to the end of the adjective (unless it already ends in **-s**).

e.g. **des chats noirs**
(some black cats)

Feminine Plural

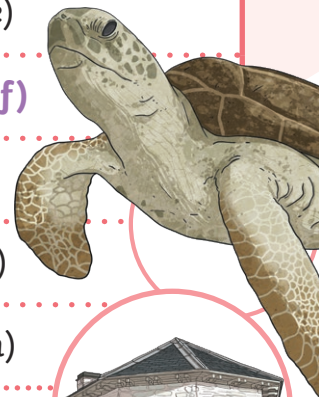
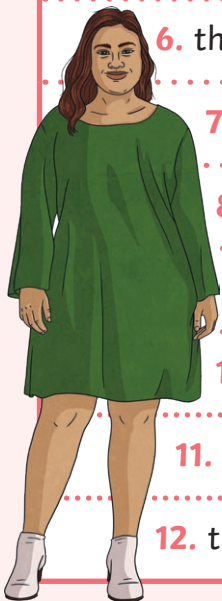
Add **-es** to the end of the adjective if it ends in **-é** or a **consonant**. Just add **-s** to the end of the adjective if it already ends in **-e**.

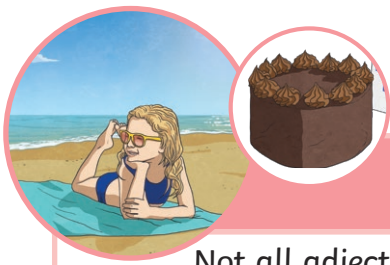
des chaussettes noires
(some black socks)



Write the correct plural adjective for each noun depending on whether it's **masculine** or **feminine**. The first one has been done

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| 1. some red apples | des pommes (f) rouges (rouge) |
| 2. the tired children | les enfants (m) _____ (fatigué) |
| 3. the small presents | les _____ (petit) cadeaux (m) |
| 4. the happy giraffes | les girafes (f) _____ (content) |
| 5. some interesting stories | des histoires (f) _____ (intéressant) |
| 6. the easy homework | les devoirs (m) _____ (facile) |
| 7. the big houses | les _____ (grand) maisons (f) |
| 8. the pretty dresses | les _____ (joli) robes (f) |
| 9. some sad tortoises | des tortues (f) _____ (triste) |
| 10. the brown tables | les tables (f) _____ (marron) |
| 11. the grey hair | les cheveux (m) _____ (gris) |
| 12. the French families | les familles (f) _____ (français) |





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Irregular Adjectives

Not all adjectives are regular. Some adjectives follow different patterns.

Look at these examples:

Be careful!	Adjective	Masculine Singular	Feminine Singular	Masculine Plural	Feminine Plural
Some irregular adjectives, like blanc (white) don't follow these patterns at all. e.g. un chapeau blanc (a white hat) des chapeaux blancs (some white hats) une robe blanche (a white dress) des robes blanches (some white dresses)	Ends in -f e.g. sportif (sporty)	sportif	sportive	sportifs	sportives
	Ends in a vowel -c e.g. public (public)	public	publique	publics	publiques
	Ends in -er e.g. fier (proud)	fier	fière	fiers	fières
	Ends in -n e.g. italien (Italian)	italien	italienne	italiens	italiennes
	Ends in -x e.g. délicieux (delicious)	délicieux	délicieuse	délicieux	délicieuses

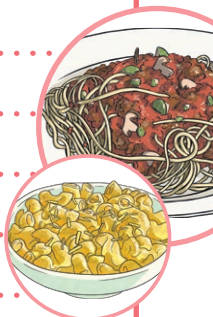
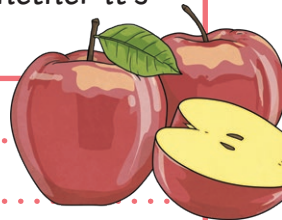
Challenge:



There are lots more irregular adjectives that don't follow any patterns! Can you find any examples?

Write the correct form of the irregular adjective for each noun depending on whether it's **masculine**, **feminine**, **singular** or **plural**. The first one has been done for you.

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| 1. some delicious cakes | des gâteaux (m) délicieux (délicieux) |
| 2. the Italian food | la nourriture _____ (italien) |
| 3. the white shoes | les chaussures (f) _____ (blanc) |
| 4. the sporty children | les enfants (m) _____ (sportif) |
| 5. some active animals | des animaux (m) _____ (actif) |
| 6. a brave woman | une femme _____ (courageux) |
| 7. the jealous brothers | les frères (m) _____ (jaloux) |
| 8. the Canadian teams | les équipes (f) _____ (canadien) |
| 9. some expensive books | des livres (m) _____ (chers) |
| 10. a public beach | une plage _____ (public) |



Challenge:



Can you find out what the adjectives **beau**, **vieux** and **nouveau** mean? What is different about these adjectives?

Adjectives in French Answers

Write the correct form of the adjective for each noun depending on whether it's masculine or feminine. The first one has been done for you.

the green car	: la voiture <u>verte</u> (vert)
a small house	: une <u>petite</u> (petit) maison
a tall boy	: un <u>grand</u> (grand) garçon
a yellow flower	: une fleur <u>jaune</u> (jaune)
the tired dog	: le chien <u>fatigué</u> (fatigué)
a happy girl	: une fille <u>contente</u> (content)
a sad baby	: un bébé <u>triste</u> (triste)
a cold sandwich	: un sandwich <u>froid</u> (froid)
a hot drink	: une boisson <u>chaude</u> (chaude)
the blue skirt	: la jupe <u>bleue</u> (bleu)

Write the correct form of the adjective for each noun depending on whether it's masculine plural or feminine plural. The first one has been done for you.

some red apples	: des pommes (f) <u>rouges</u> (rouge)
the tired children	: les enfants (m) <u>fatigués</u> (fatigué)
the small presents	: les <u>petits</u> (petit) cadeaux (m)
the happy giraffes	: les girafes (f) <u>contentes</u> (content)
some interesting stories	: des histoires (f) <u>intéressantes</u> (intéressant)
the easy homework	: les devoirs (m) <u>faciles</u> (facile)
the big houses	: les <u>grandes</u> (grand) maisons (f)
the pretty dresses	: les <u>jolies</u> (joli) robes (f)
some sad tortoises	: des tortues (f) <u>tristes</u> (triste)
the brown tables	: les tables (f) <u>marron</u> (marron)
the grey hair	: les cheveux (m) <u>gris</u> (gris)
the French families	: les familles (f) <u>françaises</u> (français)

Write the correct form of the irregular adjective for each noun depending on whether it's masculine, feminine, singular or plural. The first one has been done for you.

some delicious cakes	: des gâteaux (m) <u>délicieux</u> (délicieux)
the Italian food	: la nourriture <u>italienne</u> (italien)
the white shoes	: les chaussures (f) <u>blanches</u> (blanc)
the sporty children	: les enfants (m) <u>sportifs</u> (sportif)
some active animals	: des animaux (m) <u>actifs</u> (actif)
a brave woman	: une femme <u>courageuse</u> (courageux)
the jealous brothers	: les frères (m) <u>jaloux</u> (jaloux)
the Canadian teams	: les équipes (f) <u>canadiennes</u> (canadien)
some expensive books	: des livres (m) <u>chers</u> (chers)
a public beach	: une plage <u>publique</u> (public)