**ADJECTIVES**

We already know that in French, adjectives have to **agree with the noun**, which means if the noun is feminine, the adjective also has to be feminine, if the noun is plural, the adjective also has to be plural. This is what we’ve learnt so far: **Masculine** le chien est grand **Feminine** la tabl**e** est grand**E** **Plural** les chien**s** sont grand**S** **Fem plural** les tabl**es** sont grand**ES**

**We have also seen that some adjectives have NO change**: This list includes all fruit (**orange**), vegetables (**aubergine**) and nuts **marron** (brown), as well as abbreviations **extra** (great), **sympa** (nice) and where there are 2 colours: des pulls **rouge** et **bleu** (no S)

There are a few more changes to learn. Here’s a grid to explain:

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| **Adjective ending** | **Masculine** | **Feminine** | **plural** | **Feminine plural** |
| **EUX** | joyeux (happy) | joyeu**Se** | joyeu**x** | joyeu**Ses** |
| **ER** | premier (first) | premi**È**r**e** | premier**s** | premi**È**r**es** |
| **N** | bon (good) | bon**Ne** | bon**s** | bon**Nes** |
| **L** | réel (real) | réel**Le** | réel**s** | réel**Les** |
| **F** | créatif (crative) | créati**Ve** | créatif**s** | créati**Ves** |
| **T\*** | violet | violet**te** | violet**s** | violet**tes** |
| **AL** | international | international**e** | internationa**UX** | international**es** |

**\***however there are exceptions (**petit**) where the T does not double

A handful of adjectives also ‘do their own thing’:

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| **Adjective** | **Masc + vowel** | **Feminine** | **Plural** | **Plur + vowel** | **Feminine plural** |
| **beau (pretty)** | be**l** | be**lle** | beau**x** | be**ls** | be**lles** |
| **vieux (old)** | viei**l** | viei**lle** | vieu**x** | viei**ls** | viei**lles** |
| **nouveau (new)** | nouve**l** | nouve**lle** | nouveau**x** | nouve**ls** | nouve**lles** |
| **fou (crazy)** | fo**l** | fo**lle** | fou**s** | fo**ls** | Fo**lles** |
| **mou (soft)** | mo**l** | mo**lle** | mou**s** | mo**ls** | mo**lles** |

Some irregular feminine adjectives:

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| **Masc** | **Fem** | **Masc** | **Fem** |
| doux | **douce** | frais | **fraîche** |
| rigolo | **rigolote** | long | **longue** |
| favori | **favorite** | public | **publique** |
| faux | **fausse** | sec | **sèche** |
| blanc | **blanche** | franc | **franche** |

**POSITION OF ADJECTIVES**

Adjectives normally follow the noun in French. But there are a few common adjectives that act as if they were English and they go before the noun: here they are:

**beau/belle** (beautiful) **grand/grande** (big) **petit/petite** (small) **long/longue** (long) **nouveau/nouvelle** (new)  **bon/bonne** (good) **mauvais/mauvaise** (bad) **joli/jolie** (pretty)

eg la **jolie** **jupe** verte le **beau**, **grand** T shirt blanc une **longue** robe courte et rouge

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Translate but be careful with the position of adjectives and agreements (extra E, S or ES)

1. I bought a long, black coat
2. She wears a pretty, little blue dress
3. I have a new, long black jacket
4. He wears big, ugly boots and a big, bad cap
5. He likes a pretty, small white outfit
6. Ma sœur est très **grand** , **joli**  , **bavard** mais assez **gros**
7. Je porte **un** chemise **blanc** , des baskets **rouge** , une veste **noir** et des chaussettes **vert**
8. J’ai les cheveux **long** , **blond** et **frisé**  et de **grand** yeux **bleu** et j’ai de **grand** oreilles **pointu**
9. J’ai deux ordinateurs portable , une petit imprimante, une grand étagère et deux beau posters
10. Ma mère est vraiment sportif , organisé mais mes deux sœurs cadet sont paresseux mais sympa
11. Dans le jardin il y a beaucoup de grand plantes vert et une joli petit pelouse
12. Mon père est grand , gros et comique et ma mère est sérieux , gentil , timide mais généreux
13. Ma petit cousine écossais est toujours fatigué mais mes cousins sont actif mais assez méchant