

Spanish Lesson: Agreement of adjectives

(Beginning Spanish)

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In Spanish, the adjectives must agree with the masculine or feminine property of the corresponding nouns. Following are some rules.

1. Spanish adjectives ending in **-o** change **-o** to **-a** when describing a feminine noun:
(masculino) El papel es **blanco**. (The paper is white.)
(femenino) La tiza es **blanca**. (The chalk is white.)

(masculino) El libro es **amarillo**. (The book is yellow.)
(femenino) La flor es **amarilla**. (The flower is yellow.)
2. Spanish adjectives not ending in **-o** are the same in the masculine and feminine:
(masculino) El cuaderno es **grande**. (The notebook is big.)
(femenino) La casa es **grande**. (The house is big.)

(masculino) El lápiz es **azul**. (The pencil is blue.)
(femenino) La pluma es **azul**. (The pen is blue.)

Note that descriptive adjectives generally follow the noun they describe:
una revista **popular** (a popular magazine)

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