



ADJECTIVES: PART II

Notes:

1. The written lesson is below.
2. Links to quizzes, tests, etc. are to the left.

Many adjectives of nationality end in -o. These adjectives follow the same rules as other adjectives ending in -o. That is, they have four forms.

*el muchacho **mexicano***

*la muchacha **mexicana***

*los muchachos **mexicanos***

*las muchachas **mexicanas***

Many other adjectives of nationality end in a consonant. These adjectives **do not** follow the same rules as other adjectives ending in a consonant, rather, they have a distinct feminine form ending in -a.

*el muchacho **español***

*la muchacha **española***

*los muchachos **españoles***

*las muchachas **españolas***

There is another group of adjectives that does not follow the normal rules. Adjectives ending in -or, -án, -ón, or -ín also have a feminine form.

*el chico **hablador***
*la chica **habladora***

*los chicos **habladores***
*las chicas **habladoras***

*el hombre **trabajador***
*la mujer **trabajadora***

*los hombres **trabajadores***
*las mujeres **trabajadoras***

Note: Adjectives ending in “-erior” do **not** have a feminine form.

Adjectives that are descriptive usually follow the noun they describe.

*el chico **alto***
*la chica **alta***
*los libros **pequeños***
*las plumas **rojas***

Adjectives of quantity almost always come before the noun. Such adjectives tell how much or how many.

***pocos** libros*
***mucha** energía*
***mucho** trabajo*
***pocas** casas*

Sometimes, a descriptive adjective can precede the noun. If the adjective is descriptive, but speaks of a quality that is inherent and usually taken for granted, the adjective comes first.

la blanca nieve

the white snow (snow is inherently white)

los altos picos

the tall peaks (peaks are inherently tall)

Let's review the last two lessons.

Adjectives that end in -o have four forms.

alto

alta

altos

altas

Adjectives of nationality ending in -o are no different from other such adjectives.

guatemalteco

guatemalteca

guatemaltecos

guatemaltecas

Adjectives that end in -e have two forms.

inteligente

inteligentes

Most adjectives ending with a consonant have two forms.

popular

populares

Adjectives of nationality ending in a consonant have four forms.

español
española
españoles
españolas

Adjectives ending in -or, -án, -ón, or -ín have four forms.

hablador
habladora
habladores
habladoras

Adjectives that are descriptive usually follow the noun they describe.

casa blanca
chica alta

When an adjective speaks of a quality that is inherent and usually taken for granted, the adjective precedes the noun.

la blanca nieve
los altos picos

Adjectives of quantity usually come before the noun.

pocos libros
muchos libros

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