

French Adjective



1. Position of Adjectives

In French, adjectives are usually placed after the noun.

Examples :

- *Un système **complexe** – A complex system*
- *Un concept **intéressant** – An interesting concept*
- *Un fruit **exotique** – An exotic fruit*
- *Un exercice **facile** – An easy exercise*

2. Forming the Feminine of Adjectives

To form the feminine version of most adjectives, add an -e to the masculine form. If the adjective already ends in -e in the masculine form, it remains the same in the feminine.

Attention, the agreement of the adjective in gender and number with the noun to which it refers is necessary.

Let's first look at cases of feminine nouns.

- *une affaire **importante** – An important affair*
- *une histoire **intéressante** – An interesting story*
- *une chose **évidente** – An obvious thing*
- *une voiture **rapide** – A fast car*

Here are 10 common adjectives, showing their masculine and feminine forms.

Adjective (English)	Masculine (french)	Feminine (French)
Fast	<i>rapide</i>	<i>rapide</i>
Slow	<i>lent</i>	<i>lente</i>
Magnificent	<i>magnifique</i>	<i>magnifique</i>
Exotic	<i>exotique</i>	<i>exotique</i>
Funny	<i>amusant</i>	<i>amusante</i>
Interesting	<i>intéressant</i>	<i>intéressante</i>
Original	<i>original</i>	<i>originale</i>
Obvious	<i>évident</i>	<i>évidente</i>
Easy	<i>facile</i>	<i>facile</i>
Complex	<i>complexe</i>	<i>complexe</i>

Please note that in the plural, we generally add a silent “s” to the noun and the adjective.

- des systèmes complexes – *complex systems*
- des concepts intéressants – *interesting concepts*
- des fruits exotiques – *exotic fruits*
- des affaires importantes – *important business*
- des histoires intéressantes – *interesting stories*
- des choses évidentes – *obvious things*

Some very commonly used ones are placed before. This is the case of “grand” (big) and “petit” (small).

- un **grand** chien – *a big dog*
- une **petite** voiture – *a small car*

Translation :

→ Exercise 1 : Translate the following sentences into French. Pay attention to the agreement.

1. an interesting story
2. an exotic fruit
3. an obvious thing
4. complex stories
5. fast cars

→ Exercise 2 : Translate the following sentences into English.

1. un petit chien
2. une chose complexe
3. des voitures lentes
4. une histoire originale
5. des exercices faciles