

## LOS ADJETIVOS

Adjetivos (*adjectives*) are words that describe nouns. Por ejemplo (for example):

\*Anita es **alta**. Anita is *tall*. (The word “**alta**” is an adjective because it describes **Anita**.)

- In Spanish, an adjective that describes a masculine noun must be masculine (usually end in “o”); an adjective that describes a feminine noun must be feminine (usually end in “a”). In order to make adjectives masculine or feminine, you may have to change the ending.

\*Daniel es **delgado**. Daniel is *thin*.

\*Sara es **estudiosa**. Sara is *studious*.

\*\*\*\*\*Below is a list of common adjectives:

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| aburrido(a)      | boring           |
| alto(a)          | tall             |
| antipático(a)    | unpleasant, mean |
| atlético(a)      | athletic         |
| bajo(a)          | short            |
| bonito(a)        | pretty           |
| bueno(a)         | good             |
| cómico(a)        | funny            |
| delgado(a)       | thin, slender    |
| desorganizado(a) | disorganized     |
| feo(a)           | ugly             |
| flaco(a)         | skinny           |

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| generoso(a)   | generous                  |
| gordo(a)      | fat, chubby               |
| guapo(a)      | good-looking, handsome    |
| mediano(a)    | average                   |
| moreno(a)     | dark (hair or complexion) |
| organizado(a) | organizado                |
| pelirrojo(a)  | redheaded, red-haired     |
| pequeño(a)    | small                     |
| romántico(a)  | romantic                  |
| rubio(a)      | blonde                    |
| serio(a)      | serious                   |
| simpático(a)  | pleasant, nice            |
| tímido(a)     | timid, shy                |
| tonto(a)      | silly, dumb               |

- Other adjectives have only one ending for both masculine and feminine nouns. These adjectives end in “e” or in a consonant. Some of the adjectives that belong to this group are:

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| difícil     | difficult   |
| elegante    | elegant     |
| exigente    | demanding   |
| fuerte      | strong      |
| grande      | big         |
| inteligente | intelligent |
| interesante | interesting |

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| joven   | young   |
| popular | popular |

- When you use more than one adjective, use **y** (*and*) between the two.

Él es grande **y** simpático.      He is big ***and*** nice.

- The word **y** becomes **e** whenever it is followed by a word beginning with **i** or **hi**.

Carlos **e** Isabel son guapos **e** inteligentes. Carlos and Isabel are attractive and intelligent.

Él es antipático **e** histérico. He is unpleasant and hysterical.