

Adjective Patterns

Many standard adjectives follow this regular pattern:

petit = masculine

petite = feminine

petits = masculine plural

petites = feminine plural

Possessive Adjectives

There are different words for 'my', 'your', etc. depending on whether the noun which follow is masculine, feminine, or plural

Possessive Adjectives

English	Masculine	Feminine	Plural
my	mon	ma	mes
your	ton	ta	tes
his/her/its	son	sa	ses
our	notre	notre	nos
your	votre	votre	vos
their	leur	leur	leurs

Before a singular word beginning with a vowel, whether it is masculine or feminine, the possessive pronoun will be masculine. This does not apply to plural words beginning with a vowel.

Alternative Masculine Forms

A few adjectives have an alternative masculine form before a noun beginning with a vowel or h:

un **beau** chien = un **bel** appartement

un **vieux** cheval = un **vieil** homme

un **nouveau** jardin = un **nouvel** élève

The Position Of Adjectives

Many adjectives go after the word that they describe

e.g colours, nationalities, long adjectives.

Those that don't can be remembered by the acronym **B.A.G.S**

B.A.G.S

B Beautiful

A Age

G Goodness

S Size

Bags adjectives come before their noun.

Examples are beau (beautiful), joli (pretty), jeune (young), vieux (old), nouveau (new), bon (good), meilleur (better), mauvais (bad), gentil (kind), petit (small), haut (high), gros (fat).

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