

# Adjective Agreement

Grammar essential #7

# Adjectives

Adjectives modify nouns and pronouns.

In Spanish, adjectives agree in number and gender.

In Spanish, adjectives follow the noun or pronoun which they modify.

In English we say, the red wagons.

In Spanish we say, the wagons reds

# Adjectives

**the tall boy**

*el chico alto*

**the tall boys**

*los chicos altos*

**the tall girl**

*la chica alta*

**the tall girls**

*las chicas altas*

# Adjectives

If the noun is singular, the adjective must be singular to match.

If the noun is plural, the adjective must be plural to match.

If the noun is feminine, the adjective must be feminine to match.

If the noun is masculine, the adjective must be masculine to match.

However....

# adjetivos

There are some adjectives that are **genderless**.

Genderless adjectives can show **number** but not **gender**.

gendered – pequeño      genderless – grande

gendered- alto      genderless – inteligente

gendered – viejo      genderless - joven

# Adjectives

**the interesting boy**

*el chico interesante*

**the interesting boys**

*los chicos interesantes*

**the interesting girl**

*la chica interesante*

**the interesting girls**

*las chicas interesantes*

# Adjectivos

## Exceptions:

There are some nouns that do not end in –o that change with gender: trabajador, trabajadora; hablador, habladora

## Nationalities

If the nationality is gendered, -o = masculine

-a = feminine

If the nationality is genderless, leave for masculine. – add – a for feminine.