**Spanish Adjectives: Part I**

Adjectives are frequently descriptive. That is, most often adjectives are used to describe a noun, or distinguish the noun from a group of similar objects. For example, an adjective might describe the color of an object.

the red pen  
the blue pen

In Spanish, most adjectives change form, depending upon whether the word they modify is masculine or feminine. Notice the difference between "the tall boy" and "the tall girl."

el chico **alto**  
la chica **alta**

Adjectives also change form depending upon whether the word they modify is singular or plural. Notice the difference between "the tall boy" and "the tall boys" ; "the tall girl" and "the tall girls."

el chico **alto**  
los chicos **altos**

la chica **alta**  
las chicas **altas**

Many common adjectives end in -o. These adjectives have four forms. The following words all mean "tall":

**alto  
alta  
altos  
altas**

The correct form of the adjective depends upon the noun it modifies. Is the noun masculine or feminine? Singular or plural?

**libro rojo**  
red book

**pluma roja**  
red pen

**libros rojos**  
red books

**plumas rojas**  
red pens

Notice how the endings of the nouns and these adjectives are similar.

libr**o** roj**o**  
plum**a** roj**a**  
libr**os** roj**os**  
plum**as** roj**as**

Adjectives that end in -e also change form for singular or plural. To form the plural, simply add -s.

la chica **inteligente**  
las chicas **inteligentes**

Adjectives that end in -e do not, however, change form for masculine or feminine.

**la** chica **inteligente**  
**el** chico **inteligente**

**las** chicas **inteligentes**  
**los** chicos **inteligentes**

Similarly, most adjectives that end in a consonant **do** change form for singular or plural, but **do not** change for masculine or feminine. To form the plural, add -es.

**la** chica **popular**  
**el** chico **popular**

**las** chicas **populares**  
**los** chicos **populares**

Let's review.

* Adjectives that end in -o have four forms: alto, alta, altos, altas
* Adjectives that end in -e have two forms: inteligente, inteligentes
* Most adjectives that end in a consonant have two forms: popular, populares (form plural by adding -es)

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**A. Choose the correct form of the adjective.**

1. rojo

Hay una pluma \_\_\_\_\_ encima de la mesa.

rojo  
roja  
rojos  
rojas

2. alto

La chica \_\_\_\_\_ está en la casa.

alto  
alta  
altos  
altas

3. pequeño

Hay tres libros \_\_\_\_\_ en la bolsa.

pequeño  
pequeña  
pequeños  
pequeñas

4. poco

Hay \_\_\_\_\_ chicos en la clase.

poco  
poca  
pocos  
pocas

5. mucho

Hay \_\_\_\_\_ chicas en la clase.

mucho  
muchos  
mucha  
muchas

6. bonito

Hoy es un día \_\_\_\_\_.

bonito  
bonita  
bonitos  
bonitas

7. guapo

Él es un hombre \_\_\_\_\_.

guapo  
guapa  
guapos  
guapas

8. negro

Ella tiene pelo \_\_\_\_\_.

negro  
negra  
negros  
negras

9. rubio

Él tiene pelo \_\_\_\_\_.

rubio  
rubia  
rubios  
rubias

10. simpático

Muchas personas \_\_\_\_\_ viven en Latino América.

simpático  
simpática  
simpáticos  
simpáticas

**B. Choose the correct translation.**

11. six smart boys (inteligente)

seis muchachos inteligente  
seis muchachos inteligentes

12. one pleasant girl (agradable)

una muchacha agradable  
una muchacha agradabla

13. eight smart girls (inteligente)

ocho muchachas inteligentas  
ocho muchachas inteligentes

14. one pleasant boy (agradable)

un chico agradablo  
un chico agradable

15. an enormous house (enorme)

una casa enorme  
unas casas enormes

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