

L'adjectif : accord de l'adjectif au féminin

Adjective: feminine adjective agreement

Introduction

Pierre est calme, compétent, sérieux et motivé. (*Pierre is calm, competent, serious, and motivated.*)

Sarah est calme, compétente, sérieuse et motivée. (*Sarah is calm, competent, serious, and motivated.*)

Construction

To put an adjective in the feminine form, we generally add an « e » at the end of the masculine adjective :

| masculine adjective | feminine adjective |
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| grand (<i>tall</i>) | grand e (<i>tall</i>) |
| compétent (<i>competent</i>) | compétent e (<i>competent</i>) |

If the masculine adjective finishes with « é » or « i », add an « e » at the end, but the pronunciation stays the same :

| masculine adjective | feminine adjective |
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| poli (<i>polite</i>) | poli e (<i>polite</i>) |
| motivé (<i>motivated</i>) | motivé e (<i>motivated</i>) |

If the adjective in the masculine form finishes with “e”, the feminine and the masculine are identical :

| masculine adjective | feminine adjective |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| calme (<i>calm</i>) | calme (<i>calme</i>) |
| dynamique (<i>dynamic</i>) | dynamique (<i>dynamic</i>) |

If the adjective in the masculine form finishes with “x”, the feminine finishes with “-se”:

| masculine adjective | feminine adjective |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| heureux (<i>happy</i>) | heureu se (<i>happy</i>) |
| sérieux (<i>serious</i>) | sérieu se (<i>serious</i>) |

If the adjective in the masculine form finishes with “-if”, the feminine finishes with “-ive”:

| masculine adjective | feminine adjective |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| sportif (<i>sportive</i>) | sportiv e (<i>sportive</i>) |
| créatif (<i>creative</i>) | créativ e (<i>creative</i>) |



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