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Goal: Use adjectives with nouns.

Placement of Adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe *nouns*. Read the following phrases, paying attention to where the adjective in Spanish is placed in relation to the noun it is describing.

el chico **alto** (*the tall boy*) los chicos **altos** (*the tall boys*)
la chica **alta** (*the tall girl*) las chicas **altas** (*the tall girls*)

EXPLANATION: In English, the adjective almost always comes *before* the noun. In Spanish, the adjective usually comes *after* the noun.

Agreement of Adjectives

Read the same expressions again, this time paying attention to the boldfaced letters.

el chico **alto** (*the tall boy*) los chicos **altos** (*the tall boys*)
la chica **alta** (*the tall girl*) las chicas **altas** (*the tall girls*)

EXPLANATION: In Spanish, adjectives must match the gender and number of the nouns they describe.

Agreement of Adjectives Not Ending in -o

Read the following four sets of noun and adjective phrases. Pay attention to the boldfaced letters to see how the adjectives that do not end in **-o** match in gender and number.

1. el chico **inteligente** (*the intelligent boy*)
la chica **inteligente** (*the intelligent girl*)
2. el chico **joven** (*the young boy*)
la chica **joven** (*the young girl*)
3. el chico **trabajador** (*the hard-working boy*)
la chica **trabajadora** (*the hard-working girl*)
4. los chicos **trabajadores** (*the hard-working boys*)
las chicas **trabajadoras** (*the hard-working girls*)

EXPLANATION: Adjectives that end in **-e** match both genders. Many adjectives that end in a consonant, such as **-n**, match both genders. Some adjectives that end in a consonant add **-a** to form the feminine. To make an adjective plural, add **-es** if it ends in a consonant and add **-s** if it ends in a vowel.