

# IL EST FRANCAIS?

## SUB-HEADING – POSITIONS LES ADJECTIFS

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# LES ADJECTIFS

Most French adjectives that describe the characteristics of a noun are placed after that noun. Some adjectives, however, must be placed before the noun they describe, and still others can go either before or after, depending on their meaning.

## French adjectives that go after the nouns they describe

In general, and unlike English, French adjectives are placed after the noun they describe. Here are a few adjectives that illustrate this difference with English.

**une maison blanche** (a white house)

**un visage intéressant** (an interesting face)

# BEFORE THE NOUNS

## French adjectives that go before the nouns they describe

- Adjectives that refer to some specific qualities must precede the noun they describe instead of following it. The qualities they describe can be summarized by the acronym BAGS:
- B for beauty: **beau** (*beautiful*), **joli** (*pretty*)
- A for age: **jeune** (*young*), **vieux** (*old*), **nouveau** (*new*)
- G for goodness: **bon** (*good*), **meilleur** (*better*), **mauvais** (*bad*), **gentil** (*kind*)
- S for size: **petit** (*small*), **haut** (*high*), **gros** (*fat*)

### Beauty

une belle fille

a beautiful girl

un joli appartement

a nice apartment

### Age

un jeune homme

a young man

une vieille dame

an old woman

### Good and bad

une bonne idée

a good idea

un mauvais restaurant

a bad restaurant

### Size

un grand livre

a big book

une petite maison

a small house

# BEFORE THE NOUN

<b>beau</b>	lovely, beautiful, good-looking, handsome
<b>bon</b>	good, right
<b>court</b>	short
<b>grand</b>	tall, big, long, great
<b>gros</b>	big, fat
<b>haut</b>	high
<b>jeune</b>	young
<b>joli</b>	pretty
<b>long</b>	long
<b>mauvais</b>	bad, poor
<b>meilleur</b>	better

# BEFORE THE NOUN

<b>nouveau</b>	new
<b>petit</b>	small, little
<b>premier</b>	first
<b>vieux</b>	old

# BEAUTY

**beau**  
masculine – singular

un **beau** tableau  
a beautiful painting

**beaux**  
masculine – plural

de **beaux** meubles  
beautiful furniture

**belle(s)**  
feminine – singular  
(add S for plural)

une **belle** maison  
a beautiful house

**bel**  
masculine – singular  
before a vowel or aspirate  
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un **bel** hôtel  
a beautiful hotel

un **bel** appartement  
a beautiful apartment

**joli(s)**  
masculine – singular  
(add S for plural)

*pretty*  
un **joli** sourire  
a pretty smile

**jolie(s)**  
feminine – singular  
(add S for plural)

une **jolie** voix  
a pretty voice

# GOODNESS – BADNESS

<b>bon(s)</b> masculine – singular (add S for plural)	<i>good</i> un <b>bon</b> croissant a good croissant
<b>bonne(s)</b> feminine – singular (add S for plural)	une <b>bonne</b> blague a good joke
<b>meilleur(s)</b> masculine – singular (add S for plural)	<i>better</i> un <b>meilleur</b> monde a better world
<b>meilleure(s)</b> feminine – singular (add S for plural)	une <b>meilleure</b> solution a better solution
<b>mauvais</b> masculine singular and plural	bad un <b>mauvais</b> film a bad film

# SIZE

<b>grand(s)</b> masculine – singular (add S for plural)	tall – large – big – great un <b>grand</b> magasin a department store
<b>grande(s)</b> feminine – singular (add S for plural)	une <b>grande</b> opportunité a great opportunity
<b>petit(s)</b> masculine – singular (add S for plural)	small – little un <b>petit</b> peu a little bit
<b>petite(s)</b> feminine – singular (add S for plural)	une <b>petite</b> araignée a small spider
<b>gros</b> masculine singular and plural	large – big – fat un <b>gros</b> câlin a big hug
<b>grosse(s)</b> feminine – singular (add S for plural)	une <b>grosse</b> baleine a big whale



# AGE

<b>jeune(s)</b> masculine or feminine – singular (add S for plural)	young un(e) <b>jeune</b> étudiant(e) a young student
<b>vieux</b> masculine singular or plural	old un (de) <b>vieux</b> chien(s) an (some) old dog(s)
<b>vieille(s)</b> feminine – singular (add S for plural)	une <b>vieille</b> âme an old soul
<b>vieil</b> masculine before a vowel or aspirate H	un <b>vieil</b> ami an old friend  un <b>vieil</b> homme an old man

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