


# Adjective Agreement



In Italian, adjectives agree in gender (masculine or feminine) and in number (singular or plural) with the nouns they describe.

Adjectives in Italian usually  
FOLLOW the nouns that they are  
describing.

Mario è un **ragazzo sportivo**.

(Mario is an athletic boy.)

(Mario is a boy who is athletic.)

ragazzo = **noun**

sportivo = **adjective**

<b>Singular</b>	<b>Plural</b>
<b>-O</b>	<b>-I</b>
<b>-A</b>	<b>-E</b>
<b>-E</b>	<b>-I</b>
<b>-ISTA</b>	<b>-ISTI / -ISTE</b>
<b>Consonant</b>	<b>No Change</b>
<b>Accented Vowel</b>	<b>No Change</b>

# Masculine → Feminine

italiano**o** → italiana**a**

americano**o** → americana**a**

buono**o** → buona**a**

cattivo**o** → cattiva**a**

Singular adjectives ending in **-E** do not change. They are used to describe both one masculine noun or one feminine noun.

## Masculine Singular → Masculine Plural

ragazzo**o** italiano**o**

ragazzi**i** italiani**i**

studente**e** simpatico**o**

studenti**i** simpatici**i**

# Feminine Singular → Feminine Plural

ragazz**a** italiana**a**

ragazz**e** italiane**e**

studentess**a** brav**a**

studentess**e** brav**e**



# M/F Singular → M/F Plural

un ragazzo**o** forte**e**

due ragazzi**i** forti**i**

una ragazza**a** felice**e**

due ragazze**e** felici**i**

Singular adjectives ending  
in **-ISTA** do not change.

They change only in the  
PLURAL form:

**-ISTI** (masc. pl.)

**-ISTE** (fem. pl.)

## M/F Singular → M/F Plural

un ragazzo**o** pessim**ista**

due ragazzi**i** pessim**isti**

una ragazza**a** ottim**ista**

due ragazze**e** ottim**iste**

# Colors that do not change

Colors are also adjectives. Their spelling changes based on what they are describing. These colors DO NOT change spelling:

Blu Arancione Marrone Viola Fucsia

The other colors will follow the general rule:

Rosso **o** → Rossa **a** → Rossi **i** → Rosse **e**

Bianco **o** → Bianca **a** → Bianchi **i** → Bianche **e**

Verde **e** → Verdi **i**