

LES ADJECTIFS : EXCEPTIONS

A D J E C T I V E S : E X C E P T I O N S

EXPLANATIONS

So far, we know that **ADJECTIVES** are usually placed **after the NOUN**.

The **ADJECTIVES** that we are going to focus on today, belong to a short list of **EXCEPTIONS** and should be placed **BEFORE THE NOUN**.

Let's have a look to a few examples :

ARTICLE	ADJECTIVE	NOUN	MEANING
Un	beau	chat	A beautiful male cat
Une	petite	chien	A small female dog

As you can see in these sentences, the adjectives « **BEAU** » and « **PETITE** » are placed **BEFORE THE NOUN**.

HOW TO MEMORIZE THESE EXCEPTIONS

You can use the acronym **B.A.G.S.** because this type of **ADJECTIVES** mainly cover topics related to :
BEAUTY, AGE, GOODNESS and SIZE

LIST OF ADJECTIVES PLACED BEFORE THE NOUN

	SINGULIER		PLURIEL		
ACRONYM B.A.G.S.	MASCULIN	FÉMININ	MASCULIN	FÉMININ	MEANING
BEAUTY	Beau [bo]	Belle [bèl]	Beau ^x [bo]	Bell ^{es} [bèl]	Beautiful
	Jolie [jo li]	Joli ^e [jo li]	Joli ^s [jo li]	Joli ^{es} [jo li]	Pretty
AGE	Jeune [je u n]	Jeune ^e [je u n]	Jeun ^s [je u n]	Jeun ^{es} [je u n]	Young
	Vieux [vi e]	Viell ^e [vi è y]	Vieu ^x [vi e]	Viell ^{es} [vi è y]	Old
	Nouveau [nou vo]	Nouvelle ^e [nou vè l]	Nouveau ^x [nou vo]	Nouvel ^{les} [nou vè l]	New
GOODNESS	Bon [bon]	Bonne ^e [bô n]	Bon ^s [bon]	Bonn ^{es} [bô n]	Good
	Mauvais [mo vè]	Mauvais ^e [mo vè z]	Mauvai ^s [mo vè]	Mauvais ^{es} [mo vè z]	Bad
SIZE	Petit [pe ti]	Petit ^e [pe ti t]	Petit ^s [pe ti]	Petit ^{es} [pe ti t]	Short / Small
	Grand [gran]	Grand ^e [gran d]	Grand ^s [gran]	Grand ^{es} [gran d]	Tall / Big

ADVANCED TIP #2

When **ADJECTIVES** ending with « ____eau » such as :

« beau » and « nouveau »

We should pay attention to the word coming right after :

ARTICLE	ADJECTIVE	NOUN	MEANING
Un	beau	café.	A beautiful cafe.
Un	nouvel	restaurant.	A new restaurant.

As you can see, in these sentences, the **ADJECTIVES** « beau » and « nouveau » are followed by a word starting with a **CONSONNANT (b c d f g j k l ...)**.

Therefore, there is **no need to change anything**.

But now, let's have a look to the following sentences :

ARTICLE	ADJECTIVE	NOUN	MEANING
Un	bel	homme.	A beautiful man.
Un	nouvel	ami.	A new friend.

In these sentences, the **ADJECTIVES** « beau » and « nouveau » are followed by a word starting with a **VOWEL (a e i o u y h)**.

In this case we must turn the **ADJECTIVES** ending into « ____eau » into « ____el ».