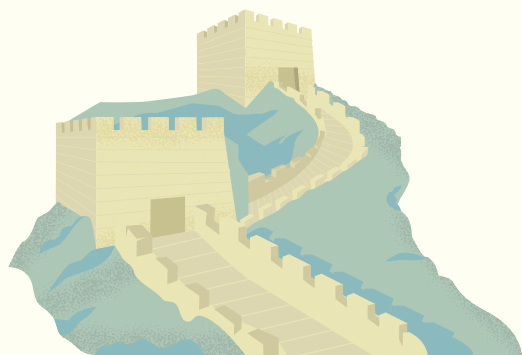




SPANISH ADJECTIVES 101

ADJECTIVE PLACEMENT IN SPANISH

RULES, MEANINGS & EXAMPLES



ADJECTIVE PLACEMENT CHANGES MEANING

ADJECTIVE	BEFORE NOUN	AFTER NOUN
Antiguo	Previous / Former	Old
Cierto	Certain / One	True / Right
Gran / Grande	Great	Big
Mismo	Same	Self
Raro	Rare	Strange / Odd
Pobre	Poor / Unfortunate	Poor
Simple	Mere	Simple / Easy
Solo	Single / One	Alone / Lonely
Único	Only	Unique
Viejo	Former / Previous / Old	Old

PLACEMENT OF ADJECTIVES IN SPANISH

BEFORE THE NOUN

- Possessives (mi, mis, tu, tus..)
- Demonstratives (este, ese, aquel)
- Quantifiers (mucho, tanto, poco)
- Certain qualifying adjectives (appraisals)

Esa chica es Katia. Es una buena amiga.

That girl is Katia. She is a good friend.

AFTER THE NOUN

Qualifying adjectives:

- Nationality
- Color
- Size or shape
- Physical appearance or personality

Quiero el carro azul.

I want the blue car.

ADJECTIVES BEFORE & AFTER THE NOUN

BEFORE THE NOUN

Subjective valuation. It can change its meaning.



¡Pobre hombre! Lo despidieron.

Poor man! He was fired

AFTER THE NOUN

Describes someone's characteristics.



Ese señor es pobre.

That man is poor. (has no money)

KEY POINTS: ADJECTIVE PLACEMENT IN SPANISH

- The position of these words **depends on the information** they provide.
- Limiting adjectives (also called determiners) always **come before** the noun.
- Qualifying or descriptive adjectives **usually go after** the noun.
- [Spanish adverbs](#) are placed **before** adjectives, and they help you intensify its qualities.
- Descriptive adjectives can go before nouns when **providing an appraisal** about a person or thing.
- Certain qualifying words change their meaning based on their position in the sentence.

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