

Extra notes and Homework – Week 5

Instruction: Make sure to copy the given notes and exercises in your respective copybooks.

L’adjectif qualificatif

Contrairement à la langue anglaise où l’adjectif est invariable, l’adjectif qualificatif en français s’accorde en **genre** et en **nombre** avec le nom qui le décrit.

An intelligent boy : un garçon intelligent

An intelligent girl : une fille intelligente

Several intelligent girls : plusieurs filles intelligentes

Several intelligent pupils : plusieurs élèves intelligents

Il est donc important de bien connaître la formation du féminin et de pluriel de l’adjectif qualificatif.

A proud girl : une fille fière

An anxious mother : une mère inquiète

A cruel woman : une femme cruelle

A lazy maid : une servante paresseuse

A noter que certains adjectifs ont la forme suivante devant un nom commençant par une voyelle ou un « h » muet.

A handsome man : un bel homme

An old man : un vieil homme

A new pupil : un nouvel élève

A soft pillow : un mol oreiller

Attention aussi au Comparatif et au Superlatif

the best pupil in class : le meilleur élève de la classe

the largest shop in town : le plus grand magasin de la ville

your handwriting is worse than mine : votre écriture est pire que la mienne

my best friend : mes meilleurs amis

Exercice 1

Traduisez les phrases suivantes en faisant bien attention à l'accorde de l'adjectif qualificatif.

1. Our friends live in a beautiful white house near the beach.
2. My dear girl, you are too young to wear such a dress.
3. Mother is very angry with us.
4. Living languages are more useful than dead languages.
5. He is richer than people believe.
6. My brother is older than I by three years.
7. Your house is small but ours is smaller.
8. The little girl is very foolish.
9. My mother had blue eyes and black hair.
10. She was wearing a long white dress and new shoes.
11. These fat, idle women are lazy and cruel.
12. Most towns have a public garden.
13. I think he gets lazier and lazier.
14. This is the place where the water is deepest.

Exercice 2

Traduisez le passage suivant.

One day an old man met three boys playing in the street. They were kicking an old ball and seemed very happy and carefree. They were young: the eldest looked around twelve and the youngest might be only eight.

The old man wanted to know them. He came near the boys and asked

“what are you going to do when you are men?”

The eldest boy replied at once: “I will be one of the best football players in the world and will earn more money than David Beckham.”

“And you, my little man what will you do?” the old gentleman asked, turning to one of his younger companions.

“I will be the most handsome man in town and will be a most successful doctor”

“And what about you?” asked the man, smiling at the smallest boy.

“If my brother is the doctor, I shall be the priest”

“Why do you wish to be a priest?”

“If he is the doctor, he will kill people, and I shall bury them. In that way we shall be both rich and I will be able to buy myself a new car every year.”