



Unit 3: La familia

Learn how to talk about your family, describe people and express ownership

Quiz 3 Unidad 3

1. Twin
2. Cousin (male)
3. People
4. Ugly
5. Silly/Foolish
6. Brunette
7. Small
8. Pretty
9. Periodista
10. Médico



6° período

▶ Juguemos ¡Concentración!



▶ 1er período

My family is little. I have only two brothers. They are short and nice. My father is a doctor and my mother is an engineer. We live in a small house. I read science fiction books and attend school. We like our family!



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3.1 Descriptive adjectives

ANTE TODO Adjectives are words that describe people, places, and things. In Spanish, descriptive adjectives are used with the verb **ser** to point out characteristics such as nationality, size, color, shape, personality, and appearance.

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Forms and agreement of adjectives

COMPARE & CONTRAST

In English, the forms of descriptive adjectives do not change to reflect the gender (masculine/feminine) and number (singular/plural) of the noun or pronoun they describe.

Juan is nice.

Elena is nice.

They are nice.

In Spanish, the forms of descriptive adjectives agree in gender and/or number with the nouns or pronouns they describe.

Juan es simpático**.**

Elena es simpática**.**

Ellos son simpáticos**.**

3.1 Descriptive adjectives

- ▶ Adjectives that end in **-o** have four different forms. The feminine singular is formed by changing the **-o** to **-a**. The plural is formed by adding **-s** to the singular forms.

Masculine

SINGULAR

el muchacho**o** alto

PLURAL

los muchach**os** altos

Feminine

SINGULAR

la muchach**a** alta

PLURAL

las muchach**as** altas

Mi abuelo
es muy
simpático.

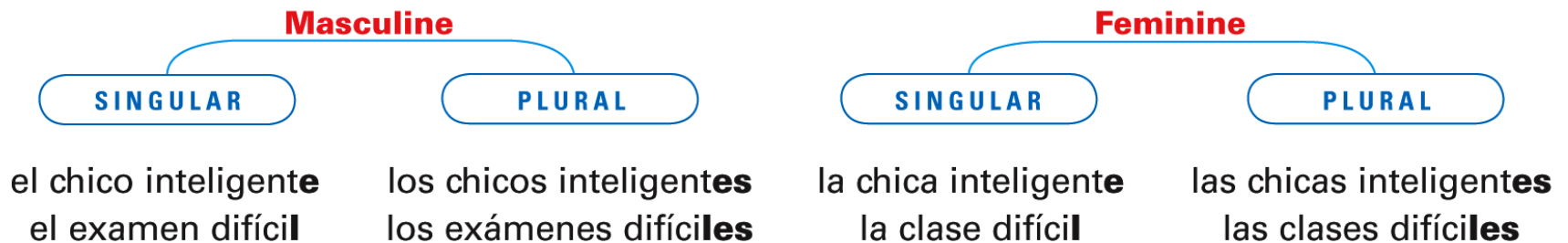


¡Qué alto es tu
papá! Y tu mamá,
¡qué bonita!



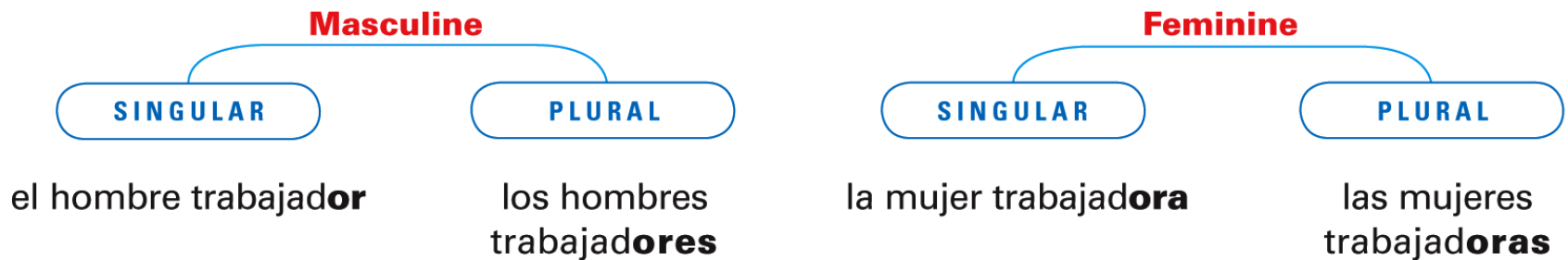
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- ▶ Adjectives that end in **-e** or a consonant have the same masculine and feminine forms.



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- ▶ Adjectives that end in **-or** are variable in both gender and number.



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- ▶ Adjectives that refer to nouns of different genders use the masculine plural form.

Manuel es **alto**.

Lola es **alta**.

Manuel y Lola son **altos**.

Common adjectives

alto/a	<i>tall</i>	gordo/a	<i>fat</i>	moreno/a	<i>brunet(te)</i>
antipático/a	<i>unpleasant</i>	grande	<i>big; large</i>	mucho/a	<i>much; many; a lot of</i>
bajo/a	<i>short (in height)</i>	guapo/a	<i>handsome; good-looking</i>	pelirrojo/a	<i>red-haired</i>
bonito/a	<i>pretty</i>	importante	<i>important</i>	pequeño/a	<i>small</i>
bueno/a	<i>good</i>	inteligente	<i>intelligent</i>	rubio/a	<i>blond(e)</i>
delgado/a	<i>thin; slender</i>	interesante	<i>interesting</i>	simpático/a	<i>nice; likeable</i>
difícil	<i>hard; difficult</i>	joven	<i>young</i>	tonto/a	<i>silly; foolish</i>
fácil	<i>easy</i>	malo/a	<i>bad</i>	trabajador(a)	<i>hard-working</i>
feo/a	<i>ugly</i>	mismo/a	<i>same</i>	viejo/a	<i>old</i>

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Many adjectives of nationality are already the four-form type, since their base form ends in o.

Vladimir Putin es ruso. 1

Su esposa es rusa. 2

Sus hijos son rusos. 3

Sus hijas son rusas. 4

Notice that adjectives of nationality are not capitalized in Spanish.

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But even if an adjective of nationality ends in a consonant, it normally has four forms rather than two.

Plácido Domingo es español¹.

Su esposa es española².

Sus hijos son españoles³.

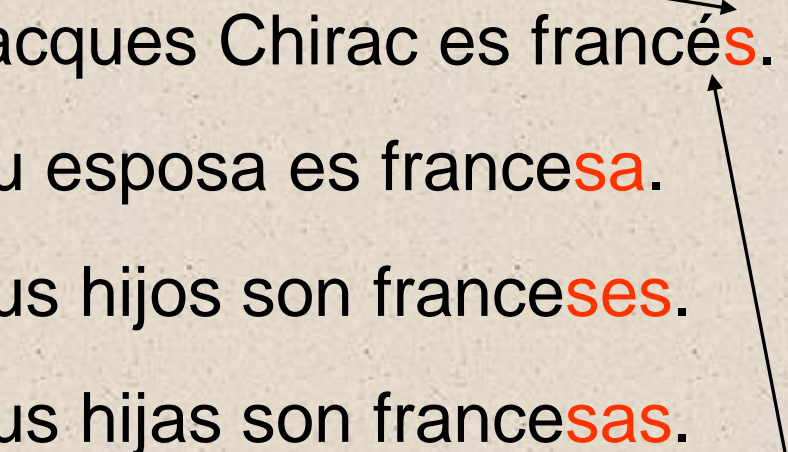
Sus hijas son españolas⁴.

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Jacques Chirac es francés.	1
Su esposa es francesa.	2
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Notice that if the masculine singular of an adjective bears a written accent, it is omitted on all other forms.