

LOS COLORES



THE COLORS

The color words are important in increasing your descriptive language. These small but powerful words are used every day for characterizing and defining your thoughts.

When using the basic color words in the Spanish language, there are a few things you should remember.

1. In most cases, the names of the colors come after the nouns they describe, not before like in English. *Eg. I have a **green** shoe. Tengo un zapato **verde**.*

2. If the color describes an inherent quality, then it comes in front.

*Eg. the **white** snow la **blanca** nieve*

3. Spanish color adjectives change to agree in gender with the noun they describe.

If masculine ends in **o**, then feminine ends in **a**.

*Eg. There is one red book. Hay un libro **rojo**. word book (libro) is masculine, so red is rojo.*

*Eg. There is a red ball. Hay una pelota **roja**. word for ball (pelota) is feminine, so rojo changes to roja.*

4. Spanish color adjectives in the above examples change if the nouns become plural.

When the noun is plural, add an s in the above masculine and feminine situations.

*Eg. There are two red books. Hay dos libros **rojos**.*

*Eg. There are two red balls. Hay dos pelotas **rojas**.*

5. These colors do not change with the gender. They are the same if the noun is masculine or feminine: beige, rosa, verde, gris, marrón, azul.

*Eg. Un libro **beige** una pelota **beige***

b) The Spanish colors, beige and rosa, do not change when the noun is plural:

*Eg. two pink balls dos pelotas **rosa***

c) For the color verde, add an s for plural: verdes

*Eg. two green balls dos pelotas **verdes***

d) For the colors, azul, marrón, and gris add es with plural nouns: Azules, marrónes, grises *Eg. two blue books dos libros **azules***

On the last page, I have included a chart compiling and summarizing the gender and plural changes so you can see them at a glance.

Hope this helps with implementing the basic color words to your Spanish repertoire.



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Penny Howe

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LAS PALABRAS DE COLOR

Colores Básico Basic Colors

Español

beige/beis

negro

azul

marrón/café

gris

verde

anaranjado/naranja

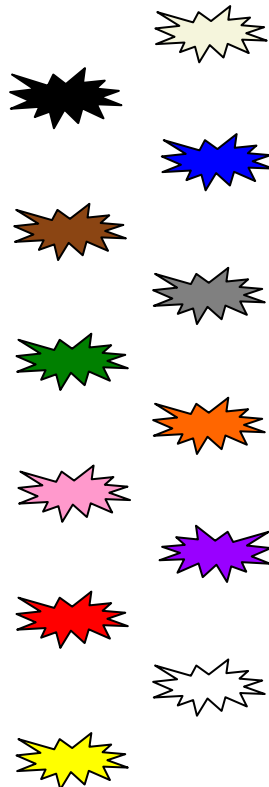
rosa

morado

rojo

blanco

amarillo



COLOR WORDS

English

beige

black

blue

brown

gray

green

orange

pink

purple

red

white

yellow

Mas Palabras de Color More Color Words

cereza

chocolate

esmeralda

tinto/grana

oro/dorado

lila

mostaza

plateado/plata

humo

paja

turquesa

violeta



cherry colored

chocolate-colored

emerald

dark red/scarlet

gold/golden

lilac

mustard-colored

silver

smoky

straw-colored

turquoise

violet

vivo/color brillante

oscuro

moreno

claro

rubio

castaño

pelo rojo/rojizo

multicolor



bright (color)

dark (color)

dark haired, complected

light(color)

light haired

light brown hair

red hair/reddish

multicolored



SUMMARY OF CHANGES WITH GENDER AND PLURALS



Color	Maculine	Masculine Plural	Feminine	Feminine Plural
rojo	rojo	rojos	roja	rojas
negro	negro	negros	negra	negras
amarillo	amarillo	amarillos	amarilla	amarillas
morado	morado	morados	morada	moradas
blanco	blanco	blancos	blanca	blancas
anaranjado	anaranjado	anaranjados	anaranjada	anaranjadas
beige	beige	beige	beige	beige
rosa	rosa	rosa	rosa	rosa
verde	verde	verdes	verde	verdes
azul	azul	azules	azul	azules
gris	gris	grises	gris	grises
marrón	marrón	marrónes	marrón	marrónes

