



SPANISH TABLE

Adjectives that change meaning



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Adjectives that change meaning depending on whether they are placed before or after the noun

Adjective	Before noun	Examples	After noun	Examples
<i>antiguo</i>	former	<i>La antigua casa de mi abuela.</i> My grandma's former house.	old	<i>La casa antigua de mi abuela.</i> My grandma's old house.
<i>cierto</i>	certain	<i>Esto tiene un cierto sabor dulce.</i> This has a certain sweet taste.	true/correct	<i>Tenemos la noticia cierta.</i> We have the true news.
<i>diferente</i>	various/several	<i>Tenemos diferentes modelos.</i> We have various models.	different	<i>Es una camisa diferente.</i> It is a different shirt.
<i>distinto</i>	various/several	<i>En distintas ocasiones fuimos a la costa.</i> In several occasions we went to the coast.	different	<i>Es un vestido de novia distinto.</i> It's a different wedding dress.
<i>grande</i>	good/skilled	<i>Es un gran policía.</i> He is a good policeman.	big	<i>Es un policía grande.</i> He is a big policeman.
<i>maldito</i>	wicked	<i>Tengo un maldito gato.</i> I have a wicked cat.	cursed	<i>Es un gato maldito.</i> It's a cursed cat.
<i>mismo</i>	same	<i>Tenemos el mismo vestido.</i> We have the same dress.	self	<i>El escritor mismo me firmó el libro.</i> The author himself signed the book.
<i>nuevo</i>	another one	<i>Me enviaron un nuevo libro.</i> They sent me another book.	brand-new	<i>Me enviaron un libro nuevo.</i> They sent me a brand new book.
<i>pobre</i>	pitiable	<i>Es un pobre hombre.</i> He's a pitiable man.	poor	<i>Es un hombre pobre.</i> He is a poor man.
<i>puro</i>	mere/only	<i>En esta liga juegan puros hombres.</i> This league is for men only.	unique/pure	<i>Es un collar de oro puro.</i> This necklace is pure gold.
<i>raro</i>	rare/not frequent	<i>Rara vez hay nieve en este lugar.</i> In this place snow is not frequent.	strange	<i>Es un hombre raro.</i> He is a strange man.
<i>simple</i>	mere/just	<i>Es un simple jersey.</i> It is just a sweater.	simple	<i>Es un jersey simple.</i> It is a simple sweater.
<i>único</i>	only	<i>Compré un único regalo.</i> I bought only one gift.	unique	<i>Compré un regalo único.</i> I bought a unique gift.
<i>viejo</i>	former/long-time	<i>Hablé con un viejo amigo.</i> I spoke with a friend I've known for many years.	old	<i>Tengo un amigo viejo.</i> I have a friend who is old.