

FIRST-SECOND DECLENSION ADJECTIVES

Adjectives **MUST** agree with the nouns they modify in terms of:

- **GENDER**
- **NUMBER**
- **CASE**

If the noun is masculine, it **MUST** be modified by a masculine form of the adjective;
if the noun is feminine, the form of the adjective **MUST** be feminine;
you **MUST** modify neuter nouns with neuter forms of the adjective.

When you learn an adjective, you memorize its three principal parts:

1. masculine nominative singular
 2. feminine nominative singular
 3. neuter nominative singular
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- clarus, clara, clarum “bright, clear, famous”

To form an adjective:

- First figure out the gender, number, and case of the noun which the adjective will modify
- determine the corresponding gender, number, and case form for the adjective
- place the correct ending onto the adjective stem

QUESTION: HOW DO I FORM THE ADJECTIVE STEM?

**ANSWER: TAKE THE FEMININE NOMINATIVE SINGULAR FORM OF THE ADJECTIVE,
REMOVE THE “a”**

**Thus: clara (the feminine nominative singular form of clarus, clara, clarum) becomes *clar-*
ADD THE PROPER ENDINGS TO *CLAR-* (based on the gender, number, and case of the noun)**