

Chapter 4 – Adjectives

Here are some examples of some of the most common adjectives in Urdu.

Good	<i>Acha</i>	اچھا
Bad	<i>Bura</i>	برا
Bad, broken	<i>Khrab</i>	خراب
New	<i>Nea</i>	نیا
Old	<i>Purana</i>	پرانا
Beautiful	<i>Khubsurat</i>	خوب صورت
Big	<i>bara</i>	بڑا
Small	<i>Chota</i>	چھوٹا
Thick	<i>Mota</i>	موٹا
Thin	<i>Patla</i>	پتلا
tall	<i>Lamba</i>	لمبا

In Urdu, there are two types of adjectives – ones that never change and ones that change. The ones that never change are very easy to use, as the ending is always the same, not matter what noun you use it with. The ones that do change, you will need to add the correct ending according to the noun.

Here are some example of adjectives that don't change:

<i>Noun (bat) is feminine singular</i>	An interesting word	<i>Dilchasp bat</i>	دلچسپ بات
<i>Noun (kam) is masculine singular</i>	Interesting work	<i>Dilchasp kam</i>	دلچسپ کام
<i>Noun (baten) is feminine plural</i>	Interesting words	<i>Dilchasp baten</i>	دلچسپ باتیں

As you can see in the above example the adjective (dilchasp) always stays the same.

How do I know if the adjective will change or not?

Great questions! Unfortunately, there is no easy answer. Usually adjectives that end in "a" don't change and adjectives that end in a some other consonant don't. Also, colors usually don't change. However, this is not an exact rule and there are many exceptions. So, in the end you will simply need to memorize which ones change and which ones don't. My advice is to spend a lot of time listening to native speakers to get a feel for what is native-like.

Endings for adjectives that change

For the adjectives that do change, you will need to know (1) the gender (2) the number of the noun. If you are new to this topic, you might want to read my previous blog on gender & number right here.

These are the possible endings for adjectives:

	<i>Singular</i>		<i>Plural</i>	
Masculine	ا یاں	a yan	ے یں	E ain
Feminine	ی یں	i ain	ی یں	i ain

And here come some examples:

	<i>Singular</i>		<i>Plural</i>	
Masculine	بڑا دایاں	Bara Daian	بڑے دائیں	Bare dain
Feminine	بڑی دائیں	Bari dain	بڑی دائیں	Bari dain

If you have paid close attention, you will have noticed that there really are only three different endings, as the ending for feminine singular and plural are the same.

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