

Adjective 2-1: **i** adjectives

Present predicate adjective

Canada wa **samui** desu = Canada is cold

The adjective samui is used by itself (not modifying a noun or anything). Hence, it doesn't change at all.

Present modifier adjective

Canada wa **samui** tokoro desu = Canada is a cold place

This sentence is just like above but now the adjective samui is modifying a noun tokoro (place).

Present negative adjective

Hawaii wa **samukunai** desu = Hawaii is not cold

Drop the -i and add the **-kunai**

Past predicate adjective

Kotoshi no fuyu wa samu**katta** desu = This winter **was** cold

Drop the -i and add **-katta** ; Note: very often the desu at the end is dropped

Past modifier adjective

Kotoshi wa **samui** fuyu deshita = This year was cold winter

Adjective samui is modifying a noun fuyu (winter)

Past negative adjective

Natsu wa samu **kuna katta** desu = Summer **was not** cold

Adjective 2-2: **na** adjectives

Present predicate adjective

Anata wa **kirei** desu = You are beautiful

The adjective kirei (beautiful) is used by itself (not modifying a noun or anything).

Present modifier adjective

Aanata wa kirei **na** hito desu = You are a beautiful **person**

The adjective kirei is modifying a noun hito (person). Therefore the **-na** is added.

Present negative adjective

Anata wa kirei dewa arimasen = You are not beautiful

Note: The **verb changes** not the adjective. Whereas with -i adjectives, the adjective changes not the verb . Example: Anata no neko wa chiisakunai desu = You cat is not small

Past predicate adjective

Anata wa **kirei** deshita = You were beautiful

Nothing changes but the verb

Past modifier adjective

Anata wa **kirei na hito** deshita = You were beautiful person

Adjective kireina is modifying a noun hito (person). Therefore the **-na** is added.

Past negative adjective

Anata wa **kirei** dewa arimasendeshita = You were not beautiful

Nothing changes but the verb

Adjective 2-3: i and na adjective comparison

i adjectives

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| -i | Omoshiroi (That is) interesting (or fun)! | Oishii (That is) delicious! |
| -kunai Present Predicate Negative | Omoshiro kunai (That is) not interesting | Oishi kunai (That is) not delicious |
| -katta Past predicate Affirmative | Omoshiro katta (That) was interesting! | Oishi katta (That) was delicious |
| -kunakatta Past predicate Negative | Omoshiro kuna katta (That) was not interesting | Oishi kuna katta (That) was not delicious |

na adjectives

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| By itself? | Shizuka = Quiet | Benri = Convenient |
| No change! | | |
| Modifying a noun? | Shizuka na tosyokan | Benrina tokoro |
| Add -na ! | A quiet library | A convenient place |