

Exploring Gender – Venn Diagram Adjectives

Purpose

This activity helps pupils to understand the principals involved in using adjectives in French. It gives them time and opportunity to discuss when and why describing words change.

Objective

- ✓ to notice patterns
- ✓ to draw out some general rules about adjective agreements

Preparation

One Venn Diagram per group of 3 pupils
One French adjective rule sheet per pupil, reduced to A5

Starter

Show some pages of the story and ask pupils to identify any describing words.
Can they recall any other describing words that they may have met in other stories?

Activity 1

Give out the Venn Diagram and ask groups to work out what they think they have to do.
Pupils place the words on the sheet in the Venn Diagram.
Take feedback.

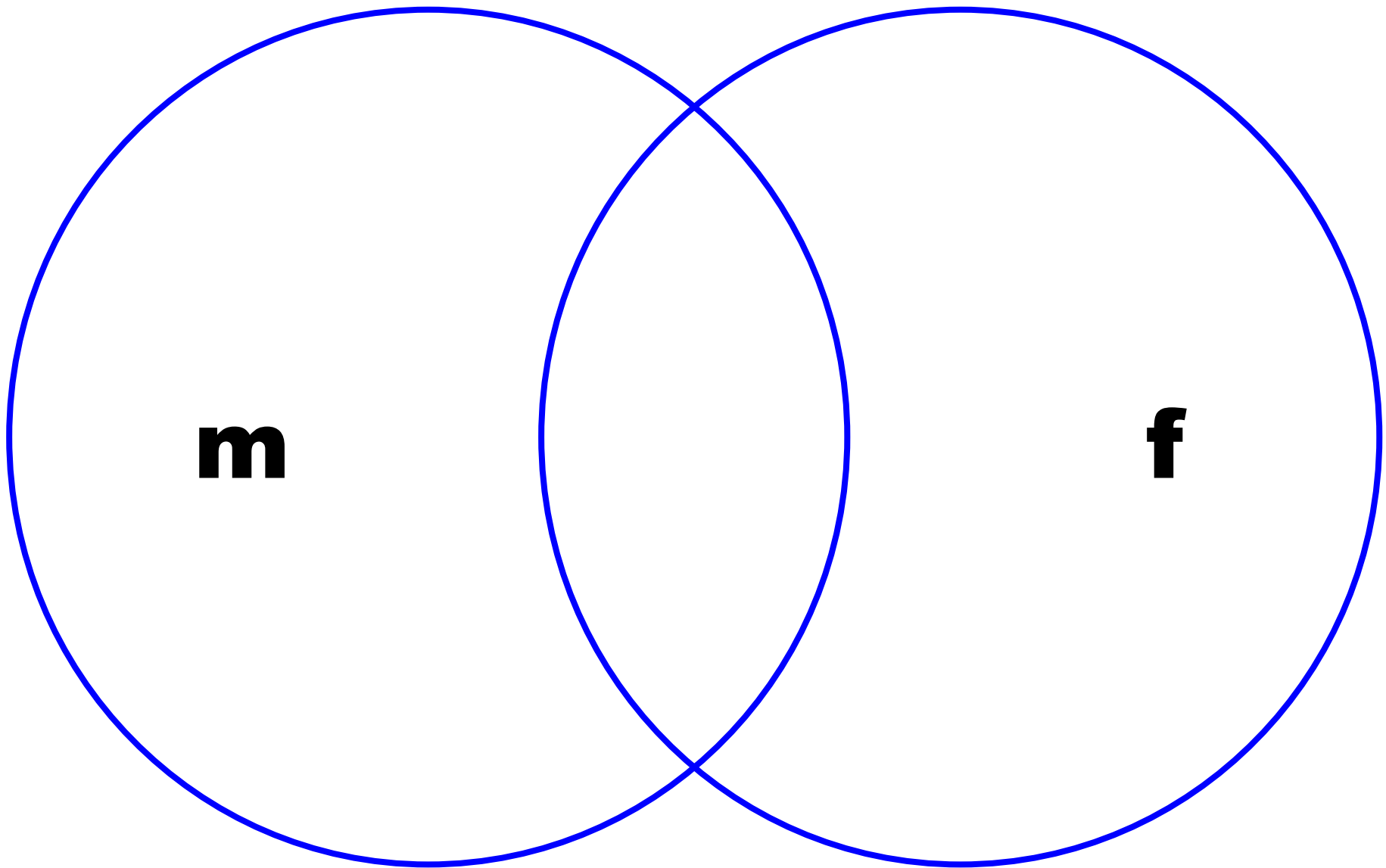
Activity 2

Give out French adjective rule sheet and ask pupils to make up their own rules for French adjectives from what they have discovered doing the Venn Diagram.

Debrief

Ask class what they have discovered about language and how they discovered it.

Venn Diagram Adjectives



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chaud	rose	la plus gouteuse	chaude	affamée
gris	grande*	vieux*	la meilleure*	profonde
prête	le meilleur*	parfaite	grand*	épicée
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FRENCH ADJECTIVE RULES Write your own rules for adjective agreements					Examples	
When an adjective ends in	d	in the masculine form, you	ADD	e	for the feminine form	un four chaud une maison chaude
When an adjective ends in	t	in the masculine form, you				
When an adjective ends in	s	in the masculine form, you				
When an adjective ends in	é	in the masculine form, you				
When an adjective ends in	r	in the masculine form, you				
When an adjective ends in	x	in the masculine form, you				
Exceptions :						
Some adjectives don't change, they are the same for the masculine and feminine form. What are they?						