

Adjectives

Unit I

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ADJECTIVES

An adjective is a describing word. It qualifies or describes a noun. It adds to the meaning of a noun. It is a noun-helper.

- Eg: Rama is a *big* boy.

Lazy students fail.

Govinda is *poor* but honest.

England is a *rich* country.

Lead is a *heavy* metal.

The rose is a *beautiful* flower.

Ahmed is a *poor* man.

Mary has a *little* lamb.

Bombay has a *fine* harbour.

Kinds of adjectives

- Adjectives of quality
- Adjectives of quantity
- Adjectives of number
- Demonstrative adjectives
- Distributive adjective
- Possessive adjective
- Interrogative adjective

Adjectives of Quality

- It shows the kind or quality of an object or person. Adjectives of quality answer the question “of what kind”? Eg: **thick forest, old building, wise man, new clothes, young boy.**
 - I know a funny ***little*** man.
 - Foch was a ***great*** soldier.
 - Bombay is a ***big*** city.
 - I like the little pedlar who has a ***crooked*** nose.

Adjective of quantity

- Adjectives of quantity refers to the quantity. Yet it is an indefinite numeral. It answers the question “how many” or ‘how much’? Eg: **some books, many people, all fools’ day, a few words, a little amount, more problems.**
 - Eg: ***Four*** boys ran down the street.
 - There are ***twenty*** girls in the class.
 - Shakespeare wrote ***many*** plays.
 - I want ***some*** money.
 - He has ***much*** money.
 - There is ***little*** hope in victory.

Demonstrative Adjectives

It is an adjective that points to an object or objects, a person or persons. Eg: **this girl, that pencil, these boys. those balls.**

Come and look at **this** snake.

look at **that** tree.

I like **these** bananas.

I want **those** mangoes, not the others.

Oh! Do look at **that** funny kitten

Note: the word ‘**this**’, ‘**that**’, ‘**those**’, ‘**these**’ can function as demonstrative pronouns as well as demonstrative adjectives

Distributive adjectives

- It is an adjective that refers to a person or thing, one at a time. Eg: *each, every, either, neither* ,
 - **Each** one teach one.
 - *Every* girl is a pearl.
 - Walk along *either* side.
 - Give support to *neither* party.

Possessive adjective

- It is an adjective that denotes possession. It is nothing but the possessive form of the pronoun. Eg. **My pen, our school, your sister, his bag, their house, its tail.**

Pronoun	Possessive adjectives	Possessive pronoun
I	my	mine
we	our	ours
You	your	yours
he	his	his
she	her	hers
it	its	its
they	there	theirs

Interrogative adjective

- It is an adjective used to frame questions. They are, of course, the question words ('what', 'which', and 'whose') preceding a noun in a question.
- Eg.: *What* colour do you like?
 - *Which* book is hers?
 - *Which* way shall we go?
 - Note: the interrogative words 'what', 'which', and 'whose' function as interrogative adjective as well as interrogative pronoun.

Degrees of adjectives

- Every adjectives has three different degree. They expressed in three different forms:
- Positive
- Comparative
- Superlative

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
bold	bolder	boldest
Short	shorter	shortest
Tall	taller	tallest
sweet	sweeter	sweetest
thick	thicker	thickest
Young	younger	youngest
big	bigger	biggest
hot	hotter	hottest
Thin	thinner	thinnest
angry	angrier	angriest
sad	sadder	saddest
happy	happier	happiest
heavy	heavier	heaviest

Holy	holier	holiest
pretty	prettier	prettiest
active	More active	Most active
faithful	More faithful	Most faithful
important	More important	Most faithful
interesting	More interesting	Most interesting
useful	More useful	Most useful
Foolish	More foolish	Most foolish
Bad	worse	worst
ill	worse	worst
good	better	best
little	less	least
much	more	most
well	better	best

Thank you