

# 8 Adjectives

## THINK



Critical Thinking

Ela has written an acrostic with her name. Each word written by her describes one of her qualities.

Elegant

Loyal

Attentive



Now, write an acrostic with your name. Write one word with each letter of your name. These words must describe some of the qualities you possess.

The words you have written are adjectives. We know that adjectives tell us more about nouns or pronouns.

## LEARN

Look at these sentences.

Adjectives



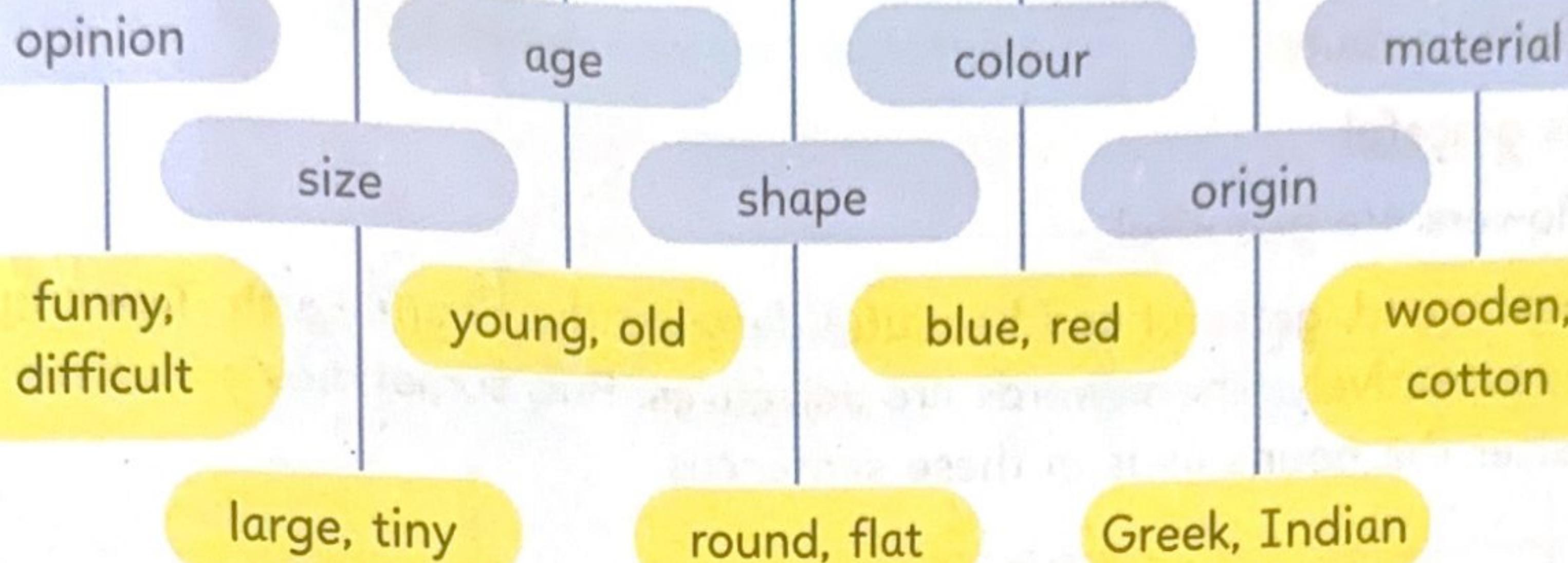
Anju is a kind girl.

Notice that the adjectives **kind** and **beautiful** express an opinion about **Anju** and the **palace**, respectively.



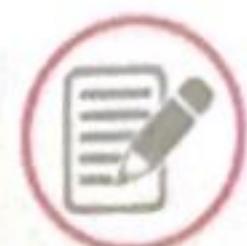
The king has a **beautiful** palace.

## adjectives



## PRACTISE

A. Write three adjectives to describe each of these nouns.



1. house big, beautiful, luxurious
2. leaf green, small, fresh
3. night dark, long, rainy
4. dress pretty, silk, pink
5. sky blue, cloudy, vast
6. doll lovely, magical, soft

B. Complete these sentences using the adjectives from the box.



round ✓  
warm ✓

brown ✓  
small ✓

young ✓  
big ✓

cute ✓  
wooden ✓

1. Phoebe is a cute (opinion) young (age) cat.
2. She likes to play with a small (size) ball of wool.
3. Her coat is brown (colour).
4. She likes to sleep on a big (size) round (shape) wooden (material) bed.
5. Phoebe loves to drink warm (opinion) milk.



# LEARN

## Predicative Adjectives

- The Earth is round.
- Tani is graceful.
- The flowers are beautiful.

The words round, graceful and beautiful describe the nouns Earth, Tani and flowers, respectively. These words are adjectives. But, sometimes adjectives are placed after the nouns as is in these sentences.

# PRACTISE

C. Underline the adjectives and circle the nouns they are describing.

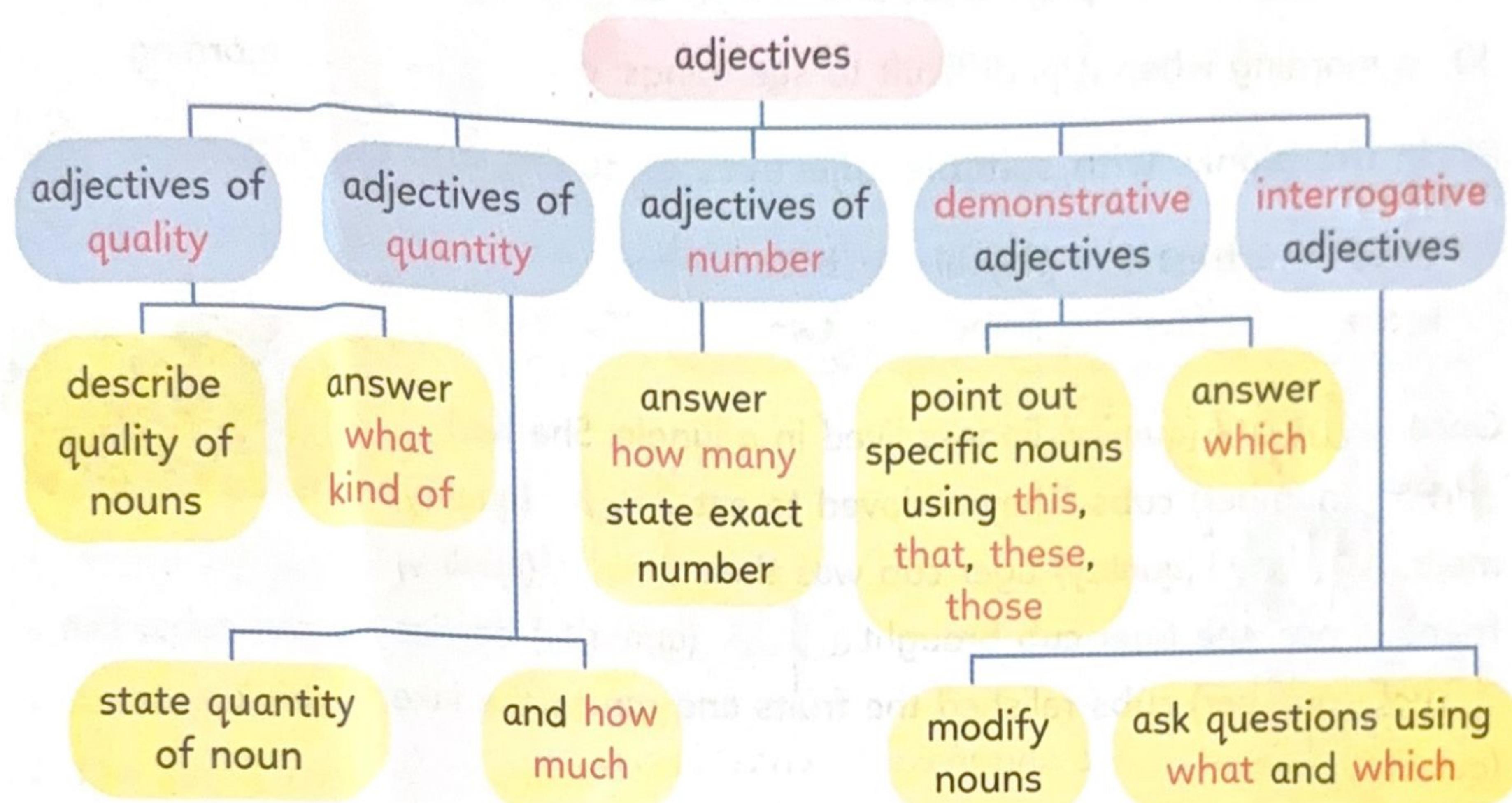
1. Sahil decided to buy brown shoes.
2. Giselle is talkative and makes friends quickly.
3. We wanted to buy pink roses and purple orchids from the flower market.
4. The flowers growing in her garden are beautiful.
5. The fluffy little puppies were adopted quickly.
6. We went to the Korean food festival yesterday.
7. Mohan likes to read Japanese manga comics.
8. Amma makes the most tangy rasam. I love having it with crisp poppadoms.
9. Sujata cracked a funny joke. The joke made Ravi angry.
10. The large trunk of the ancient banyan tree was struck by lightning.
11. Indian fishermen lost at sea were rescued by the brave coast guards.

D. Make sentences with these adjectives.

1. careful
2. clever
3. happy
4. square
5. massive
6. tiny

My teacher is very careful about us.  
The clever boy solved <sup>the</sup> problem.  
The happy child made everyone smile.  
I kept my toys in a square box.  
The massive crowd attended the match.  
I saw a tiny bug in the garden.

Let us now read about different types of adjectives.



- Suman recited a **funny** poem. (adjective of **quality**)
- Rajiv has **two** siblings. (adjective of **number**)
- **These** mangoes are ripe. (**demonstrative adjective**)
- **Which** animal lives in a burrow? (**interrogative adjective**)

## PRACTISE

E. Read these hints and write suitable adjectives of quality from the box.



horror  
messy

punctual  
foggy

woollen  
cruel

brave  
mysterious

delicious  
ancient

1. a film that instils fear: a horror film

2. a civilisation that is old: an ancient civilisation

3. a blanket made of wool: a woollen blanket

4. a ruler who is unkind: a cruel ruler

5. a room that is cluttered: a messy room

6. a dish that is tasty: a delicious dish

7. a person whom no one knows much about: a mysterious person

8. a person who is usually on time: a punctual person

9. a person who displays a lot of courage: a brave person

10. a morning when it is difficult to see things: a foggy morning

F. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives of quality and quantity and number.

three      fresh      playful      best  
brave      a few      some      two

Once, a brave (quality) lioness lived in a jungle. She had two (number) cubs. They all loved to eat fresh (quality) meat. A playful (quality) tiger cub was their best (quality) friend. Once, the tiger cub brought a few (quantity) berries for the cubs. The three (number) cubs relished the fruits and ran to the lake to drink some (quantity) water.



G. Complete this passage using suitable adjectives from the brackets.

Look! My mother planted this (this/these) sapling yesterday. Those (That/Those) flowers that you see over there are looked after by her. These (These/That) orange flowers look so pretty! I love to sit under the shade of this (this/these) banyan tree. I am curious to know which (which/what) flower is your favourite. What (Which/What) a beautiful garden it is!

H. Identify the different kinds of adjectives and categorise them in the table.

1. The young boy ate those tomatoes.
2. Many children came to the park to play.
3. The child bought a red rose for his mother.
4. Which duck did the three chicks play with?
5. They have enough bread for two weeks.
6. Which bag is yours?
7. Several soldiers live in that camp.
8. What ice-cream flavour would you like?



adjectives of  
quality

young

seed

two

enough

DEAR

several

adjectives of  
quantity / number

many

three

two

enough

demonstrative  
adjectives

those

that

What

interrogative  
adjectives

Which

Which

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