



8 Adjectives



THINK



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.

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Adjectives

Look at these sentences.

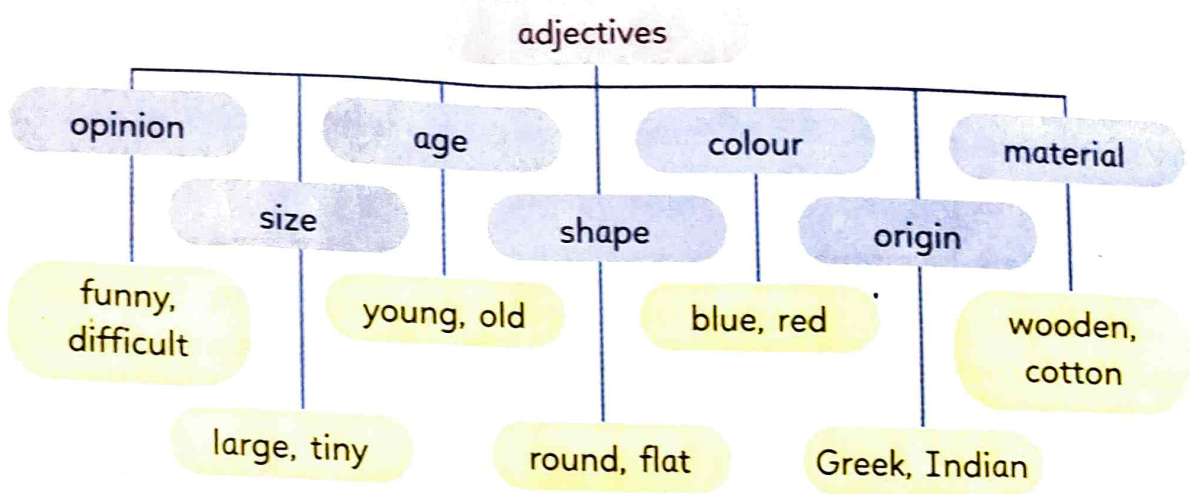


Anju is a kind girl.



The king has a beautiful palace.

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



PRACTISE

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



1. house huge, beautiful, strong
2. leaf green, light, dry
3. night dark, lonely, gloomy
4. dress beautiful, sparkly, colourful
5. sky blue, high, cloudy
6. doll expensive, cheap, adorable

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



round brown young cute
warm small big 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.



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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

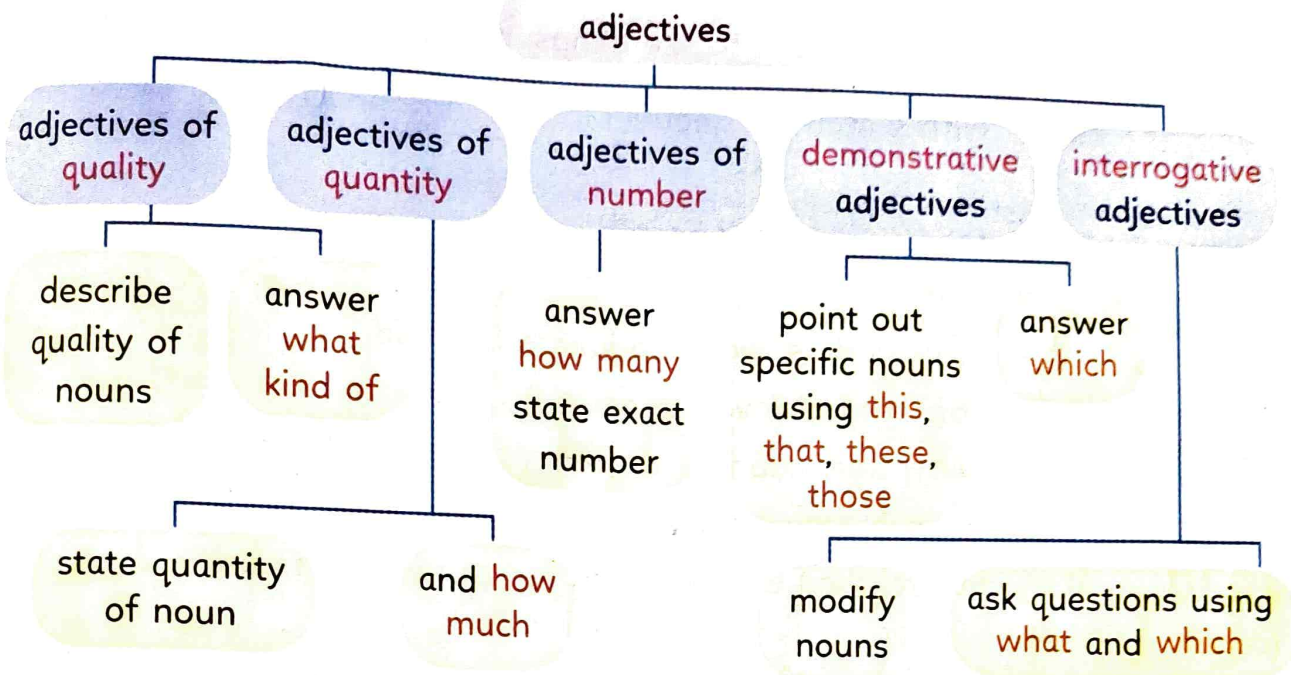
He was very careful about spending money.
The clever man was able to retrieve his bag.
The children were happy to see the ice-cream.
Riya bought a large square bed for her pet.
Heena lives in a massive mansion.
The mouse got stuck in the tiny hole in the door.



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Kinds of Adjectives

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.

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	adjectives of quantity /number	demonstrative adjectives	interrogative adjectives
red	three chicks	those	which duck
	two weeks	yours	which bag
	enough	that	what
	many		
	several		

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Possessive Adjectives

- This is **my** cat.
- Please bring **your** cricket kit.
- These are **his** car keys.
- Augusta is waiting for **her** sister.
- The dog is chasing **its** tail.
- Can we keep **our** luggage in the rooms?
- The Johnson family was pleased to see **their** new house.



The highlighted words are **possessive** adjectives. They show possession.

PRACTISE

I. Choose appropriate adjectives from the box to replace the highlighted words.



my our your his her its their

1. Parul lost **Parul's** new wallet.
2. The cat is sleeping in the basket **that belongs to the cat**.
3. I have found a blue coat **that belongs to me**.
4. Sam bought a bicycle for **Sam's** brother.
5. I want to read the book **that belongs to you**.
6. The children were waiting for **the children's** parents.
7. We have sold the old car **that belonged to us**.

her
its
my
his
your
their
our