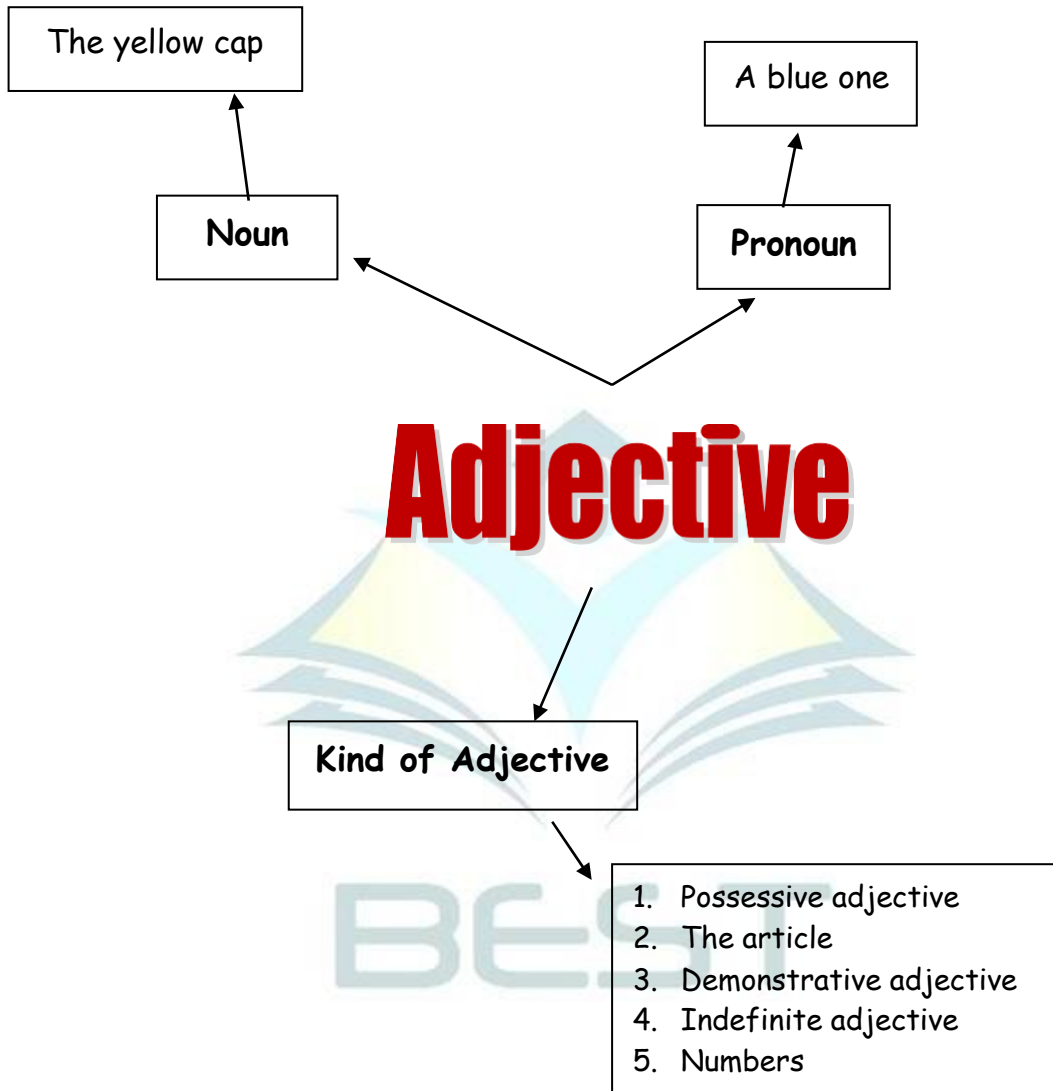


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ADJECTIVES

A. Explanation

I. Definition of Adjective

Adjectives are describing words. *Large*, *grey*, and *friendly* are all examples of adjectives. In the examples below, these adjectives are used to describe an elephant.

Examples:

- Large elephant
- Grey elephant
- Friendly elephant

II. Adjectives Modify Nouns

The word *elephant* is a noun. Adjectives are added to nouns to state what kind, what colour, which one or how many. Adjectives are said to modify nouns and are necessary to make the meanings of sentences clearer or more exact.

Examples:

- Follow the yellow cab.
(In this example, the adjective *yellow* modifies the noun *cab*.)
- Craig caught a large bass.
(In this example, the adjective *large* modifies the noun *bass*.)
- It is the girl with the pale face again.

III. Adjectives Modify Pronouns

Although less common, adjectives can also modify pronouns.

Examples:

- It is a blue one.
(In this example, the adjective *blue* modifies the pronoun *one*.)
- Only a brave few have received a recommendation.

IV. The Different Types of Adjectives

Adjectives are describing words. However, there are many other words that are classified as adjectives, some of which do not fall easily under this description.

✓ POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

Possessive adjectives are used to show possession. They are *my*, *your*, *his*, *her*, *its*, *our* and *their*. (They are a type of possessive pronoun.)

✓ THE ARTICLES

The words *a*, *an*, and *the* are known as articles. They are classified as adjectives. *A* and *an* are called the indefinite articles because they are used to indicate non-specific people or things. *The* is called the definite article because it does indicate a specific person or thing.

- A cup (i.e., any cup)
- The cup (i.e., a specific cup)

✓ **DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES**

Demonstrative adjectives are used to demonstrate or indicate specific things. *This*, *that*, *these* and *those* are all demonstrative adjectives.

- If I hear that parrot again, I will call the RSPCA.
(*That* is a demonstrative adjective. It refers to a specific parrot.)
- Medals will only be given to those runners who complete the marathon in less than 8 hours.
(*Those* is a demonstrative adjective. It refers to specific people.)

✓ **INDEFINITE ADJECTIVES**

Unlike demonstrative adjectives, which indicate specific items, indefinite adjectives do not point out specific things. They are formed from indefinite pronouns. The most common indefinite adjectives are *no*, *any*, *many*, *few* and *several*.

- The chief has heard many people make the same promise.
(The indefinite adjective *many* modifies the noun *people*.)
- According to a council spokesman, there are no wallabies left in Derbyshire. However, over the past few months, many walkers have reported seeing several adults with young.
(The indefinite adjectives in this example are *no*, *few*, *many* and *several*.)

✓ **NUMBERS**

Numbers are classified as adjectives too.

- Four dolphins stayed with the boat until dawn.
(The adjective *four* modifies the noun *dolphins*.)
- All we could muster was 9 cans of beans.
(The adjective *9* modifies the noun *cans*.)

V. **Comparative and Superlative**

Adjectives have different forms, called comparatives and superlatives. The comparative is used to indicate relative degrees or differences of quality between two objects. The superlative is used to indicate the highest or lowest degree of quality between objects.

<u>Adjective</u>	<u>Comparative</u>	<u>Superlative</u>
old	older	the oldest
wise	wiser	the wisest
early	earlier	the earliest
thin	thinner	the thinnest
good	better	the best
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful

B. Do the task!

I. Match the adjectives in the left table to the meaning in the right table.

1. brave	a. someone who is truthful and who doesn't cheat or steal
2. chatty	b. someone who is quiet and a little bit nervous around other people
3. easy-going	c. someone who talks a lot
4. clever	d. someone who has good manners
5. lazy	e. someone who behaves differently every time you meet them
6. friendly	f. someone who is always sensible
7. kind	g. a person who is very tidy
8. honest	h. somebody who is liked by many people
9. moody	i. someone who is not afraid of danger
10. neat	j. someone who only think about himself
11. polite	k. someone who is relaxed and happy to accept things
12. shy	l. an inactive person who avoids work
13. rude	m. someone who behaves in a caring way towards other people
14. wise	n. someone who is good at learning things
15. silly	o. someone who is not clever
16. stupid	p. someone who is good at learning things
17. selfish	q. someone with a lot of common sense and knowledge
18. serious	r. someone who is a bit foolish or who doesn't behave in a serious way
19. popular	s. someone who does not talk very much
20. quiet	t. impolite

II. Write down the possible adjective phrase complete with the article as the example!

<p>The pattern is: adjective + noun</p> <p>An adjective modifies a noun.</p>	No.	Article	Adjective	Noun
	1.	two	beautiful	paintings
	2.	a	big	house
	3.	a	large	yard
	4.	two	short	benches
	5.	a	fat	cat
	6.	_____	_____	_____
	7.	_____	_____	_____
	8.	_____	_____	_____
	9.	_____	_____	_____
	10.	_____	_____	_____

III. Complete the sentences below with the appropriate adjectives modifying the following nouns.

a. ripe	b. interesting	c. delicious	d. big
e. beautiful	f. young	g. funny	h. new
i. expensive	j. long	k. cozy	l. furry
m. cold	n. cute	o. friendly	

1. "There are many _____ rambutans on the garden. You can pick them and bring them home."
2. China is famous for its _____ food.
3. Barbie becomes a _____ princess in the film entitled *The Princess and the Pauper*.
4. I read an _____ book last night. The title is *Chicken Soup*.
5. I love sleeping in my bedroom. It has a _____ mattress.
6. This rule is short. I need a _____ one.
7. It was my birthday last week. I got a surprise. My aunt gave me a _____ cat. I call it Bonnie.
8. Bonnie likes sleeping in his basket. The _____ blanket makes the basket comfortable.
9. I love school because i have _____ classmates.
10. I can't stand the _____ weather. I need a thick balanket when I want to sleep.
11. The sales assistant shows me an _____ bag.
12. We laughed all night because we enjoyed the _____ story.
13. I love fishing. I sometimes catch _____ fish, but sometimes little ones.
14. Sarah was happy because her uncle gave her a _____ T-shirt.
15. We got lost two days ago. Luckily, a _____ man help us.

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