

# Adjective

## What is an Adjective?

Adjective is words that tells us about or add to the meaning of a noun.

For example:

1. She is a kind lady.
2. She lives in a large house.
3. I like this pen.
4. He is a strong player

There are following two classes of adjectives

1. Descriptive adjective
2. Determiner adjective

Descriptive adjective denotes the quality, size, colour, shape etc of a noun.

**Position of Adjectives** Descriptive adjectives are used both attributively and predicatively while Determiner adjectives are used only before the noun.

1. She is an honest girl. (Attributive use)
2. The girl is honest. (Predicative use)

## Kinds of Adjectives

- A. Descriptive Adjectives [Ugly, heavy, dry, good, red]  
Adjective of Quality
- B. Determiner Adjectives
  - i. Demonstrative Adjectives - This, that, these, those
  - ii. Distributive Adjectives – Each, every, either, neither
  - iii. Quantitative Adjectives - Some, any, no, little
  - iv. Numerical Adjectives - few, many all, several, one, first
  - v. Interrogative Adjectives - Which, what, whose
  - vi. Possessive Adjectives Participle - My, our, your, his, her, their, its
  - vii. Present/Past Participle Adjectives - A moving bus, a wounded driver, a burnt man, tiring journey
  - viii. Relative Adjectives – who, which, that
  - ix. Emphatic Adjectives – own, such, same, very
  - x. Proper Adjectives – Indians, Asian, American
  - xi. Exclamatory Adjectives – what, which, how

### C. Articles as Determiners

A, An, The

#### Distinction between Adjectives and Pronouns

##### 1. Demonstrative Adjective and Demonstrative Pronouns

- i. Please get me that book (Adjective)
- ii. That is my book (Pronoun)

##### 2. Possessive Adjectives and Possessive Pronouns

- i. This is my book (Adjective)
- ii. This book is mine (Pronoun)
- iii. It is her vanity box (Adjective)
- iv. This vanity box is hers (Pronoun)

##### 3. Distributive Adjectives and Distributive Pronouns

- i. Either boy has stolen my book (Adjective)
- ii. Neither book will serve my purpose. (Adjective)
- iii. I do not like either of the sisters (Pronoun)
- iv. We bought neither of the bikes (Pronoun)

NOTE: Every is only adjective and it cannot be used as determiner But each can be used both as adjective and pronoun

- v. Every boy was present (Adjective)
- vi. Each boy was present (Adjective)
- vii. Each of the boys will come. (Pronoun)
- viii. Everyone of them is wasting money. (Pronoun)