

## Rules of Adjective

### Rule I

Generally speaking adjective is used when the quality of a noun and pronoun rather than the action of a verb is expressed.

Adverb is used to modify the action of a verb, an adjective, an adverb.

For example

- i. She is a skilful dancer. (quality) (Adjective)
- ii. She dances skilfully. (action) (Adverb)
- iii. Sonu's act was thoughtful. (quality) (Adjective)
- iv. Sonu acted thoughtfully. (action) (Adverb)

### Rule II

There are some adjectives which don't admit of any comparative and superlative degree. Such adjectives denote absolute position.

'Perfect, unique, ideal, chief, universal, extreme, complete, entire, excellent absolute, impossible, eternal, supreme' etc.

For example

- i. I have never seen a more complete book on General Studies.  
Ans. I have never seen a complete book on General Studies.
- ii. Happiness is the chiefest aim of mankind.  
Ans. Happiness is the chief aim of mankind.

### Rule III

The comparative adjectives such as

'Prior, junior, senior, superior, inferior, prefer (verb), preferable, elder' etc are followed by 'to' instead of 'than'

Nor are they used in comparative degree.

- i. He is senior than me in service.  
Ans. He is senior to me in service.
- ii. Lemon juice is preferable than tea.  
Ans. Lemon juice is preferable to tea.
- iii. My sister is elder than me by two years.  
Ans. My sister is elder to me by two years.

#### **Rule IV**

**When two adjectives qualify the same noun, both the adjectives should be expressed in the same degree.** For example

I. She is the most active and energetic social worker in our club.

Ans. She is the most active and most energetic social worker in our club.

II. She is both cleverer and intelligent than her sister.

Ans. She is both cleverer and more intelligent than her sister.

#### **Rule V**

**Ordinal is placed before numerical adjective.** For example

1. You must study the two first chapters of the book.

Ans. You must study the first two chapters of the book.

2. The two or last three lessons of your book are worth reading.

Ans. The last two or three lessons of your book are worth reading.