

ADJECTIVE

Adjectives are words that *additional information* about nouns, pronouns and other adjectives. In the sentence “he was fast,” the word “fast” is an adjective that describes the pronoun “he”.

TYPES OF ADJECTIVE

1. **Descriptive**

Descriptive adjectives are used to describe nouns and pronouns.

Example:

“The *beautiful* flowers have a *nice* smell.”

“She is *intelligent*.”

2. **Quantitative**

Quantitative adjectives describe the quantity of something.

Example:

“How many children do you have?” “I have only *one* daughter.”

3. **Demonstrative**

A demonstrative adjective describes “which” noun or pronoun you’re referring to. These adjectives include the words:

This — Used to refer to a singular noun close to you.

That — Used to refer to a singular noun far from you.

These — Used to refer to a plural noun close to you.

Those — Used to refer to a plural noun far from you.

Examples:

“Which bicycle is yours?” “*This* bicycle is mine, and *that* one used to be mine until I sold it.”

4. Possessive

Possessive adjectives show *possession*. They describe to whom a thing belongs. Some of the most common possessive adjectives include:

My — Belonging to me

His — Belonging to him

Her — Belonging to her

Their — Belonging to them

Your — Belonging to you

Our — Belonging to us

Examples:

“Whose dog is that?” “He’s *mine*. That’s *my* dog.”

5. Interrogative

Interrogative adjectives *interrogate*, meaning that they ask a question. These adjectives are always followed by a noun or a pronoun, and are used to form questions. The interrogative adjectives are:

Which — Asks to make a choice between options.

What — Asks to make a choice (in general).

Whose — Asks who something belongs to.

Examples:

“*Which* song will you play on your wedding day?”

“*What* pet do you want to get?”

“*Whose* child is this?”

6. Distributive

Distributive adjectives describe specific members out of a group. These adjectives are used to single out one or more individual items or people. Some of the most common distributive adjectives include:

Each — Every single one of a group (used to speak about group members individually).

Every — Every single one of a group (used to make generalizations).

Either — One between a choice of two.

Neither — Not one or the other between a choice of two.

Any — One or some things out of any number of choices. This is also used when the choice is irrelevant, like: “it doesn’t matter, I’ll take *any* of them.”

Examples:

“Every rose has its thorn”.

“Which of these two songs do you like?” “I don’t like *either* song.”

Degree of Adjectives: works for descriptive adjectives

a. A **positive adjective** is a normal adjective that's used to describe, not compare.

Examples:

"This is *good* soup" and "I am *funny*."

b. A **comparative adjective** is an adjective that's used to compare two things (and is often followed by the word *than*).

Examples:

"This soup is *better* than that salad" or "I am *funnier* than she is."

c. A **superlative adjective** is an adjective that's used to compare three or more things, or to state that something is the *most*.

Examples:

"This is the *best* soup in the whole world" or "I am the *funniest* of all the other bloggers."

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
big	bigger	Biggest
black	blacker	Blackest
bold	bolder	Boldest
brave	braver	Bravest
bright	brighter	Brightest
busy	busier	Busiest
clean	cleaner	Cleanest
clear	clearer	Clearest

clever	cleverer	Cleverest
cold	colder	Coldest
cool	cooler	Coolest
dark	darker	Darkest
dear	dearer	Dearest
deep	deeper	Deepest
dirty	dirtier	Dirtiest
dry	drier	Driest
easy	easier	Easiest
fair	fairer	Fairest
fast	faster	Fastest
fat	fatter	Fattest
fine	finer	Finest
funny	funnier	Funniest
great	greater	Greatest
green	greener	Greenest
happy	happier	Happiest
hard	harder	Hardest
healthy	healthier	Healthiest
heavy	heavier	Heaviest
high	higher	Highest
hot	hotter	Hottest
kind	kinder	Kindest
large	larger	Largest
late	later	Latest
lazy	lazier	Laziest
light	lighter	Lightest
long	longer	Longest

low	lower	Lowest
lucky	luckier	Luckiest
mad	madder	Maddest
merry	merrier	Merriest
narrow	narrower	Narrowest
naughty	naughtier	Naughtiest
near	nearer	Nearest
new	newer	Newest
noisy	noisier	Noisiest
old	older	Oldest
pale	paler	Palest
poor	poorer	Poorest
pretty	prettier	Prettiest
proud	prouder	Proudest
quick	quicker	Quickest
red	redder	Reddest
rich	richer	Richest
sad	sadder	Saddest
safe	safer	Safest
shallow	shallower	Shallowest
sharp	sharper	Sharpest
short	shorter	Shortest
slow	slower	Slowest
small	smaller	Smallest
smooth	smoother	Smoothest
strong	stronger	Strongest
sweet	sweeter	Sweetest
tall	taller	Tallest

thick	thicker	Thickest
thin	thinner	Thinnest
tiny	tinier	Tiniest
ugly	uglier	Ugliest
warm	warmer	Warmest
wealthy	wealthier	Wealthiest
wet	wetter	Wettest
white	whiter	Whitest
wide	wider	Widest
wild	wilder	Wildest
wise	wiser	Wisest
young	younger	Youngest

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
Ancient	more ancient	most ancient
beautiful	more beautiful	most beautiful
brilliant	more brilliant	most brilliant
careful	more careful	most careful
careless	more careless	most careless
cheerful	more cheerful	most cheerful
comfortable	more comfortable	most comfortable
dangerous	more dangerous	most dangerous
delightful	more delightful	most delightful
difficult	more difficult	most difficult
enjoyable	more enjoyable	most enjoyable
foolish	more foolish	most foolish
forgetful	more forgetful	most forgetful

frightening	more frightening	most frightening
generous	more generous	most generous
handsome	more handsome	most handsome
helpful	more helpful	most helpful
ignorant	more ignorant	most ignorant
important	more important	most important
intelligent	more intelligent	most intelligent
interesting	more interesting	most interesting
pleasant	more pleasant	most pleasant
powerful	more powerful	most powerful
prosperous	more prosperous	most prosperous
sensible	more sensible	most sensible
terrible	more terrible	most terrible
thoughtful	more thoughtful	most thoughtful
unusual	more unusual	most unusual
useful	more useful	most useful
valuable	more valuable	most valuable
wonderful	more wonderful	most wonderful

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
bad	worse	Worst
far	farther	Farthest
far	further	Furthest
good	better	Best
little	less	Least
many	more	Most
much	more	Most

