**Adjectives**

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| Adjectives describe or modify nouns.  I like fairy tales. A fairy tale is an imaginary story that has unrealistic characters in a fantastic background. It makes me forget about the real world and refreshes my tired mind.  Adjectives generally appear immediately before the noun.   * A pretty girl * Red flowers * A long stick * Heavy boxes * Warm weather   Commonly, adjectives of opposite meaning are formed by adding a prefix such as *un*, *in*, or *dis*.   * clear – unclear, important – unimportant, predictable – unpredictable, believable – unbelievable, common – uncommon, aware – unaware, ambiguous – unambiguous, conventional – unconventional, certain – uncertain * definite – indefinite, correct – incorrect, comparable – incomparable, complete – incomplete, evitable – inevitable, expensive – inexpensive * able – disable, assemble – disassemble, content – discontent, similar – dissimilar   When using a string of adjectives, they should appear in a set order: size/shape + age + color + origin + material.   * A big brown house * A small old English desk * A beautiful black Italian leather purse * Delicious Chinese food   *The* + adjective describes a class or group of people and acts as a noun.   * the old, the young, the poor, the rich, the oppressed, the homeless, etc. * This popular TV show is loved by **the old**.   **[Quiz 7.1]**  Write opposite adjectives using the appropriate prefix.  1) Clear –                      2) Definite –                      3) Correct –                      4) Expensive –                      5) Complete –                        **[Quiz 7.2]**  Underline all adjectives in the following sentences.  In the spring, red roses blossom in my cute small garden. The beautiful birds also sing in the big oak tree.  [**View Answers**](javascript:showHide('div1'))  [7.1] 1) unclear 2) indefinite 3) incorrect 4) inexpensive 5) incomplete  [7.2] red, cute, small, beautiful, big, oak |