

## Placement of adjectives: before nouns and after the verb be

Adjectives are words that describe nouns and pronouns.

The <sup>noun</sup> old <sup>pronoun</sup> photocopier is obsolete. It's also broken.

Adjectives come before nouns or after the verb be when the subject of a sentence is a noun or pronoun.

I have a new computer.  
The computer is new. It's terrific.

**Be careful!** Adjectives don't come after nouns. Adjectives don't have plural forms.

new refrigerators  
NOT refrigerators new  
NOT news refrigerators

When two adjectives describe the same noun, connect them with and.  
When there are more than two, use commas.

The microwave is popular and convenient.  
This camera is obsolete, broken, and defective.

### Adjectives

affordable	good
awesome	great
awful	guaranteed
broken	new / old
convenient	obsolete
defective	popular
fast	terrible
fixable	terrific

Some adjectives are compound phrases.

This scanner is really up-to-date.  
She bought an up-to-date camcorder.

**A** Circle the adjectives in each sentence.

- 1 My old printer is obsolete.
- 2 The XLM projector is easy to use. In addition, it's small and very portable.
- 3 Is your scanner fixable?
- 4 This terrible car is a lemon! It's awful.
- 5 Our new washing machine is both good and guaranteed.

**B** On a separate sheet of paper, write sentences about five of the following electronic devices or about other ones. Use the Adjectives from page 144.

**Products**

a smart phone	a desktop (computer)
a mobile / cell phone	a digital camera
a GPS	a TV
a tablet (computer)	a camcorder

*My smart phone is very convenient.*

**C Guidance for the Writing Exercise (on page 60)** Use your answers to the questions below as a guide to help you write the review of a product you use. Give your product 1–5 stars.

- What is it?
- What brand is it?
- What model is it?
- Is it a good product? Why or why not?
- What does it do?
- What adjectives describe it?
- Where do you use it?
- Is it working?
- Does it drive you crazy?
- How old is it?