

Grammar — The Adjective (Montessori Grammar Symbols)

Base Sheet

Introduction to the adjective and its Montessori grammar symbol: a medium dark blue triangle. The child discovers that adjectives are words that describe nouns — they tell us what kind, what color, or how many.

What You Need:

- Montessori grammar symbols (dark blue triangle for adjective, light blue triangle for article, black triangle for noun)
- Two similar objects of different colors/sizes
- Sentence strips
- Work mat
- Pencil and paper

Steps:

1. Place an object on the table: 'Bring me a ball.' Child brings it.
2. Place two balls (different colors): 'Bring me a ball.' Which one? 'I need to say MORE! Bring me the RED ball.'
3. RED describes the ball. It tells us WHICH ball. Words that describe nouns are called ADJECTIVES.
4. Present the grammar symbol: medium dark blue triangle.
5. Practice: 'The big cat. The small cat. The fluffy cat.' What word is the adjective?
6. Sentence strips: child places the dark blue triangle above each adjective.
7. Play the adjective game: add adjectives to plain nouns.

Work Space:

