

Adjectives

In Tajik, the adjective comes after the noun, and the ezafet (-и) is added to the noun.

Before the lesson:

- Read these examples:
 1. китоби калон
 2. оби тоза
 3. духтари зебо
 4. роҳи сафед
 5. иди Наврӯз
- Translate these phrases into Tajik:
 1. black cat
 2. small chair
 3. cold day
 4. sweet apple
 5. hot tea
- Now translate these sentences into Tajik:
 1. The cat is black.
 2. The black cat is hungry.
 3. The hungry cat is black.
 4. The woman is beautiful.
 5. The beautiful woman is Russian.
 6. The Russian woman is beautiful.
 7. The boy is little.
 8. The little boy is smart.
 9. The smart boy is little.
 10. The soup is hot.
 11. The hot soup is delicious.
 12. The delicious soup is hot.
- Write 20 sentences of your own using adjectives.

During the lesson:

- Go over the previous sheet with your helper and have her read and correct your sentences.
- Ask your helper to give you 3 adjectives that could describe each of at least 10 nouns. (Record this.)
Use these to get started if you want, or choose others.
mother, teacher, sky, apple, lesson, mouse, baby, window, earth
- Ask your helper to list 10 to 20 adjectives that are useful and that you should know. After you have written the list of adjectives ask your helper for 3 nouns that you could use with each adjective. (Record this.)
- Ask your helper for some ways to ask people to describe something (e.g. "How would you describe this house?"; "What is your mother like?").

If you have time try these extra ideas. (Or do this on another day.)

- Go through your list of adjectives and ask for the opposite of each one.
- Go through your list of adjectives and ask for synonyms for each one.

After the lesson:

- Go back over everything you wrote before the lesson and check for understanding on any mistakes you may have made.
- Listen to the things you recorded.
- Write some more sentences with adjectives to be checked at your next meeting with your helper.
- Use the questions you wrote down to ask people to describe things for you. Write down any new adjectives or nouns that you learn. Go over these with your helper in your next meeting.