

Adjectives



What are Adjectives?

Adjectives are words that describe the qualities or states of being of nouns: enormous, doglike, silly, yellow, fun, fast. They can also describe the quantity of nouns: many, few, millions, eleven.

Adjectives Modify Nouns

Most students learn that adjectives are words that modify (describe) nouns. Adjectives do not modify verbs or adverbs or other adjectives.

- ° Margot is a **beautiful** archeologist.
- ° **Old** jewelry is very expensive.
- ° **My** father isn't an archeologist.

In the sentences above, the adjectives are easy to spot because they come immediately before the nouns they modify.

We use adjectives **after a link verb** like be, **look** or **feel**

- ° Jewelry is **beautiful**.
- ° Those carvings look **interesting**.

