

11. The Adjective

There are two things written below. Describe them in two different ways.

- (1) Balloon (a) colorful and round
- (b) Light and inflatable

(2) Gift

(a) Special and unique

(b) Precious and wonderful

Describing words are usually used to give more information about nouns.

A word that describes a noun or a pronoun is called an Adjective.

Read the sentence given below:

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The caring mother gave a flower to her child.

The adjective 'caring' falls under the **subject part** of the sentence, i.e. it is used with the noun 'mother'.



When the Adjective falls in the subject part of the sentence, it is said to be used **attributively**.

Consider the following example:

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The flower is beautiful.

The adjective 'beautiful' falls under the **object part** of the sentence.



When the Adjective falls in the object part of the sentence, it is said to be used **predicatively**.

Note: Thus adjectives can be used **attributively** as well as **predicatively**.

There are different kinds of Adjectives:

(I) **Adjective of Quality or Descriptive Adjective**

e.g. The balloons are small.

Therefore the Adjective 'small' describes the size of the balloon.



An Adjective which describes the kind, quality or characteristic of a noun or a pronoun is called Adjective of Quality or Descriptive Adjective.

e.g. The Indian flag is tricolour.

Here, the adjective 'Indian' is a proper noun but also acts as an Adjective of Quality as it states something more about the type of flag.

Adjectives formed by Proper Nouns fall under Adjective of Quality and are called Proper Adjectives

Note: Adjective of quality answers the question 'What kind?'

(II) **Adjective of Quantity**

Read the sentence given below:

There was very little water in the glass.

Here the adjective 'little' tells us about the quantity of water in the glass.



An adjective which tells us about the quantity of the noun is called an Adjective of Quantity.

Note: (1) An adjective of quantity answers the question 'How much?'

(2) It is used with **uncountable nouns** (abstract and material nouns)

1. Pick out the Adjectives and state their kind. Say whether the adjective is used attributively or predicatively:

(1) The children lost their penknife.

Ans. Adj - their, Kind - possessive, Use - predicatively

(2) What a pleasant surprise!

Ans. Adj - What, Kind - exclamatory, Use - attributive

(3) His own shop caught fire at night.

Ans. Adj - own, Kind - possessive, Use - attributive

(4) There were six girls in a row. The third girl was short in height.

Ans. Adj - six, third, short, Kind - quantitative, ordinal, qualitative, Use - attributive, attributive, predicative -

(5) Many idols of gods and goddesses are immersed in water.

Ans. Adj - many, Kind - quantitative, Use - attributive

(6) He ate very little food for lunch.

Ans. Adj - little, Kind - ^{quantitative} ~~dist~~, Use - predicative

(7) Neither of the members got to participate in the show.

Ans. Adj - neither, Kind - distributive, Use - attributive

(8) That dolphin is very gentle.

Ans. Adj - That, Kind - possessive, Use - attributively

(9) Certain days in the month of August are public holidays.

Ans. Adj - Certain, Kind - ^{indefinite} ~~numerical~~, Use - attributive
public adj.

(10) There are countless stars in the sky.

Ans. Adj - countless, Kind - quantitative, Use - predicative

(11) Which planet is the largest?

Ans. Adj - Which, Kind - Interrogative, Use - attributive

(12) The Indian languages are famous all over the world.

Ans. Adj - Indian, Kind - proper, Use - attributive, famous qualitative predicative

2. Make sentences with the words given below in your notebook. Use only four different kinds of adjectives. One example is done for you:

- e.g. (a) The tiger is a ferocious animal. → Adjective of Quality
(b) Few tigers are found in the forest. → Indefinite Numeral Adjective
(c) The tiger has a cub. Its cub is very small. → Possessive Adjective
(d) Which tiger was rescued? → Interrogative Adjective

(1) mother (2) family (3) bicycle (4) rabbit (5) factory

- 1] My mother is a caring person. (Adjective of Quality)
2] Few families live in such big houses these days. (Indefinite Numeral Adjective)
3] The bicycle's tire was flat. (Possessive Adjective)

12. A Narrative Composition or an Essay

- 4] Which rabbit escaped from its cage? (Interrogative)
5] Many factories cause pollution. (Indefinite Numeral Adjective)

A narrative essay deals with telling a story or an account of an event that has occurred. An event could be a incident, an accident, a festival, a prize distribution, a natural calamity, a street play, etc.

A narrative composition is mostly based on personal imagination.

Forms of Narrative Composition are as follows:

A Picture Composition:

A picture composition can either be a descriptive or a narrative essay. In a picture composition one can write about