

Adjectives/Describing Words

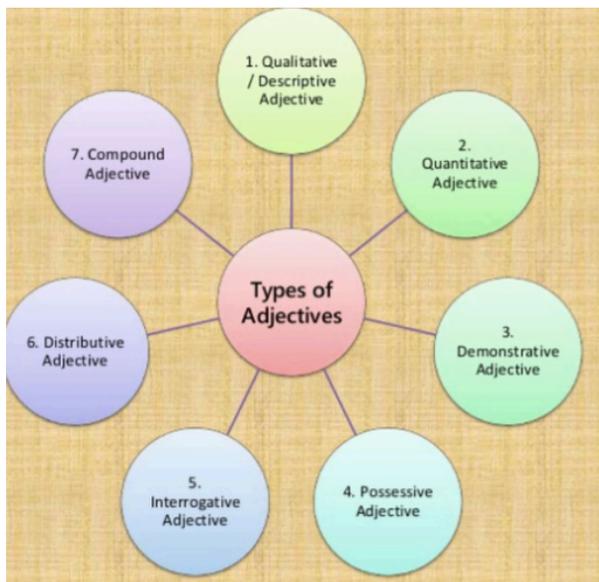
What is an Adjective?

- Adjectives are words that describe nouns
- Adjectives answer questions such as:
 - o What kind? Which one? How many?

Adjectives Can be Used to Describe

- Colour
 - o . blue, red, green, brown, purple
- Size
 - o Ex. big, small, tall, short
- Temperature
 - o Ex. Cold, warm, hot, cool
- Opinion
 - o Ex. Good, pretty, right, wrong, funny

Types of Adjectives



1. QUALITATIVE/DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVE

- To describe the quality of a person or thing
 - o For example: tall, excellent, slim, young, square, plastic
- 1. The **tall** girl is my classmate
- 2. The students achieved **excellent** test results

2. QUANTITATIVE ADJECTIVE

- To indicate the number or amount of things
 - o For example: some, much, little, all, enough, several
- 1. She found **many** pens under the table.
- 2. There was **no** milk in the jug.
- 3. There are **twenty three** students in this class

3. DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVE

- To point out nouns
 - o For example: this, these, that, those
- 1. **This** is my friend, David.
- 2. **Those** books belong to her

4. INTERROGATIVE ADJECTIVES

- Used with a noun to ask questions
 - o For example: who, what, where, when, why, how, whose
- 1. **Whose** pen is this?
- 2. **Which** way shall we go?

5. POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

- Used to show possession
 - o For example: my, your, his, her, our, their, its
- 1. This is **her** hat.
- 2. **Their** parents came to **my** house yesterday.

6. DISTRIBUTIVE ADJECTIVES

- To show that the person or things are counted collectively. Refers to members of a group as individuals.
 - o For example: each, every, either, neither
- 1. **Each** participant was asked to complete a survey.
- 2. **Either** of these movies would be interesting to me.

7. COMPOUND ADJECTIVES

- Made up of two or more words, often linked together with hyphens to show it is one adjective.
 - o For example: light-weight, duty-free, four-foot, part-time
- 1. We have to be **open-minded** about things.
- 2. The lady is wearing a pair of **high-heeled** shoes.