Adjectives

Definition

Adjectives are words that describe or modify nouns or pronouns. They are also called Describing Words.

Examples:

• good, fat, two, sweet, green, beautiful

Placement of Adjectives

Adjectives can appear before or after the noun they describe.

***** Examples:

- Before noun: Vishal is a good boy. (Adjective = good)
- After noun: Gunjan is fat. (Adjective = fat)

Kinds of Adjectives

1. Adjectives of Quality

Describe the kind or nature of a noun (What kind?).

***** Examples:

- big city
- honest man
- o beautiful girl
- o red rose
- holy river

2. Adjectives of Number

Tell us how many (exact or position in order).

Examples:

- two dresses
- first day

- - last chance
 - seven days
 - four wheels

3. Adjectives of Quantity

Tell us how much (used with uncountable nouns).

Examples:

- o some water
- little time
- o much rice
- o enough milk
- o half as much family time

Tip:

- If the noun is countable, it is Adjective of Number.
- If the noun is uncountable, it is Adjective of Quantity.

4. Demonstrative Adjectives

Point out specific nouns. Used to show which one.

***** Examples:

- This book, That picture (singular)
- These apples, Those boys (plural)

5. Possessive Adjectives

Show ownership or possession.

Words used:

• my, your, his, her, its, our, their

Examples:

- o My car
- Your house

- - Their garden
 - His book

6. Interrogative Adjectives

Used to ask questions.

Words used:

what, which, whose

Examples:

- o Which book is yours?
- o What color is your bag?
- o Whose pen is this?

Grammar Tips

- Adjectives add meaning to the noun/pronoun.
- Some words (like some, enough) can be used as both adjectives of number or quantity, depending on the noun.
- Adjectives can be found both before and after the noun.

Summary Points to Remember

- Adjectives describe nouns/pronouns.
- **Types include:**
 - o Adjectives of Quality (What kind?)
 - Adjectives of Number (How many?)
 - Adjectives of Quantity (How much?)
 - Demonstrative Adjectives (Pointing out)
 - Possessive Adjectives (Belonging)
 - Interrogative Adjectives (Questioning)