

The Adjective • Practice 1

An adjective is a word that describes something.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY ADJECTIVES	
What Kind?	A <u>huge</u> monster, <u>ugly</u> and <u>hairy</u> , arose from the sea.
	She is <u>talented</u> and <u>hard-working</u> .
Which One?	<u>That</u> bike belongs to me. I need <u>those</u> nails.
How Many? How Much?	<u>Few</u> tickets remain. <u>Some</u> cake is left.

Exercise 1 Identifying Adjectives. Underline the adjectives in the sentences below.

EXAMPLE: Tired and hungry, the campers found the camp a welcome sight.

1. That popular star has many enthusiastic and loyal fans.
2. The smallest building on that vast estate will be a guest house.
3. The two old maple trees are beautiful in the fall.
4. That large white house looks expensive.
5. Nervous and excited, I went up to accept the blue ribbon.
6. Only an expert fisherman could have caught an enormous fish like that one.
7. As the withered old woman approached the microphone, the audience became silent.
8. Fat shoelaces in neon colors were a brief but colorful fad.
9. Diligent and determined, Len soon became expert at tennis.
10. That feathery green fern looks beautiful in the front window.

Exercise 2 Adding Adjectives to Sentences. Fill in each blank below with an appropriate adjective. Circle the word it describes.

EXAMPLE: (Jenny) appeared angry about something.

1. Janice has a(n) _____ appetite for someone her size.
2. A(n) _____ snake crawled out from under a rock.
3. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.
4. Tanya seemed _____ for our friendship.
5. One _____ student stood off to one side watching the others.
6. The team, _____ and _____, left the field amid cheers.
7. Check carefully before riding your bike into _____ traffic.
8. The farmers hope for a(n) _____ harvest.
9. The police gave Tom a citation for his _____ rescue.
10. The _____ fish swam back and forth in the _____ tank.

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Exercise 1 Recognizing Adjectives. Underline each adjective in the sentences below.

EXAMPLE: Dream houses often have large rooms.

1. I like to fish in clear, cold, deep lakes.
2. Old clothes are often comfortable.
3. Vera enjoys frisky, playful kittens.
4. Dad's new car uses less gas than his old one.
5. Red and white roses were everywhere.
6. Hot cocoa is my favorite beverage.
7. I like to watch old silent films.
8. Sunsets can be magnificent around here.
9. Blue, green, brown, and orange sweaters were on display.
10. Chocolate, vanilla, and strawberry ice cream was served in gleaming cups.
11. I know of two good and cheap restaurants nearby.
12. The long race left the runner exhausted.
13. Frightened and confused, the small children hugged their mothers.
14. My ideal home would have large rooms.
15. My older sister is both artistic and athletic.
16. Used cars can sometimes be good bargains.
17. Three small sunfish were all my brother caught.
18. Look at Don's fancy new sneakers!
19. Large wet flakes were falling in swirls of bitter wind.
20. Andy writes funny and interesting letters.

Writing Application Using Adjectives to Describe a Movie. Write a paragraph in which you describe the characters, setting, and plot of a movie. Use one or more adjectives in each sentence.

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Proper Adjectives • Practice 1

A proper adjective is (1) a proper noun used as an adjective or (2) an adjective formed from a proper noun.

PROPER ADJECTIVES	
Proper Nouns Used as Adjectives	Proper Adjective Forms
Philadelphia lawyer	Parisian restaurant
Franklin stove	Jeffersonian democracy
United States Army base	American citizens

Exercise 1 Identifying Proper Adjectives. Underline the proper adjective in each sentence below. Then, circle the noun it modifies.

EXAMPLE: My uncle is Chinese.

1. Scandinavian winters are long and cold.
2. We went down the river in an Eskimo kayak.
3. The class had a perfect June day for graduation.
4. Brazilian restaurants are becoming very popular.
5. The cruise will stop at several Caribbean ports.
6. Do you like Mel Gibson films?
7. The coffee was made from fresh-ground Colombian coffee beans.
8. Italian ice is a refreshing summertime dessert.
9. I am reading a collection of Greek myths.
10. Mom has always admired that Monet painting.

Exercise 2 Using Proper Adjectives to Modify Nouns. Rewrite each group of words below to include a proper adjective before the underlined noun.

EXAMPLE: a vacation in Europe a European vacation

1. a new video made by Michael Jackson a new Michael Jackson video
2. the soccer team from Australia the Australian soccer team
3. an opera written by an Italian an Italian opera
4. a diplomat from the Middle East a Middle Eastern diplomat
5. an island in the Mediterranean a Mediterranean island
6. the overture by Tchaikovsky the Tchaikovsky overture
7. a spokesman in the White House a White House spokesman
8. snowstorms in Alaska Alaskan snowstorms
9. the potato from Idaho the Idaho potato
10. a representative from California a California representative

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Possessive Adjectives • Practice 1

A personal pronoun can be used as an adjective if it modifies a noun.

PERSONAL PRONOUNS USED AS POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES	
Singular	Plural
I lost <i>my</i> sneakers.	He and I have had <i>our</i> differences.
You will need <i>your</i> boots, Ed.	Students, you may take out <i>your</i> books.
Alana enjoyed <i>her</i> trip.	Many students ride <i>their</i> bikes to school.
Ben lent me <i>his</i> notes	
The paper changed <i>its</i> format.	

Exercise 1 Recognizing Possessive Adjectives. Underline the pronoun used as an adjective in each sentence below. Underline its antecedent twice, and circle the noun it modifies.

EXAMPLE: Andrew has chosen a biography for his book report.

- The orchestra played the 1812 Overture for its finale.
- Mandy went to Chicago with her family during spring break.
- The record became a hit during its first week on the racks.
- The stars have donated their services for the charity concert.
- Gina, you should have proofread your work more carefully.
- I wish I had brought my umbrella.
- Rick brought his guitar to the party.
- Betsy and I have always shared all our secrets with each other.
- Many people brought their folding chairs to the fireworks.
- Denise and Len are visiting their grandparents this weekend.

Exercise 2 Using Possessive Adjectives in Sentences. Write an appropriate possessive pronoun in each blank below. Then, underline the noun it modifies.

EXAMPLE: Len and I enjoyed our trip to the museum.

- Tim and Janet have been using their computer for school work.
- Mark carefully put his coin collection away.
- Mom is famous all over town for her lemon meringue pie.
- That magazine has doubled its circulation in two years.
- Thomas Jefferson designed his own home at Monticello.
- I cannot take very good pictures with my camera.
- The network revised its program schedule because of the news conference.
- Lily writes to her family every day while she is at camp.
- Ramon takes his new puppy everywhere with him.
- Have you started writing your report yet?

The Adverb • Practice 1

An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

WHAT ADVERBS TELL ABOUT THE WORDS THEY MODIFY	
Where?	Put the packages <i>there</i> . We held the party <i>outside</i> .
When?	I will meet you <i>later</i> . Grandma is coming <i>today</i> .
In What Way?	The elephant moved <i>awkwardly</i> . The shortstop runs <i>fast</i> .
To What Extent?	Janet was <i>completely</i> honest. Lucy seems <i>very</i> upset.

Exercise 1 Identifying Adverbs. Underline the adverb in each sentence below. On the line after the sentence, write the question the adverb answers.

EXAMPLE: The teacher carefully explained the experiment. In what way?

1. My best friend's family has moved away. Where?
2. Jason was thoroughly disgusted by the display. To what extent?
3. Tony always finishes all his work on time. When?
4. Roses will grow well in that location. In what way?
5. Kevin seemed unusually excited at the party. To what extent?
6. Grandpa is sometimes shy about describing his adventures at sea. When?
7. Martha will be here by dinnertime. Where?
8. Phil worked hard on his science project. In what way?
9. Mr. Murphy is a truly dedicated teacher. To what extent?
10. My father can take us home after the movie. Where?

Exercise 2 More Work With Adverbs. Underline the adverb(s) in each sentence below. Then, circle the word each adverb modifies.

EXAMPLE: Jeff was very unhappy about his lost puppy.

1. That new baby seldom cries.
2. Yesterday, I discovered a leak in the boat.
3. Our mail usually arrives in the afternoon.
4. Gary did extremely well at his first recital.
5. Lenore is sometimes careless.
6. We gradually solved the puzzle.
7. The club has two large parties annually.
8. The neighbors were quite annoyed by the loud noise.
9. The ice melted rapidly in the sun.
10. Paul practices his scales diligently.

The Adverb • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Finding Adverbs. Circle the adverb that modifies each underlined word below.

EXAMPLE: We playfully created a new symbol.

1. I often think about numbers.
2. Yesterday I read about large numbers.
3. A boy once created a new number word.
4. He jokingly named it a googol.
5. Carefully write 1 with one hundred 0's.
6. Mathematicians accepted the idea most enthusiastically.
7. Eventually he created another large number expression.
8. He very quickly named this one the googolplex.
9. I rarely hear about the Mega, another amazingly large number.
10. A scientist carefully gave it a serious name.

Exercise 2 More Work With Adverbs. For each sentence below, circle the adverb that modifies the underlined word.

1. All our relatives gather yearly.
2. Joyously, we celebrate our good fortunes.
3. We hold a barbecue outside.
4. I received my engraved invitation early.
5. This year we celebrated uptown.
6. A restaurant carefully catered the affair.
7. This change utterly surprised us.
8. Eagerly, the restaurant promised an unusually favorable rate.
9. They guaranteed everything fully.
10. I dine at that restaurant quite often.

Writing Application Using Adverbs in Sentences. Write ten sentences, using an adverb in each sentence.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____