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Grammar - 8 Parts of Speech Adjective Review

Directions: Complete the following using the information in the Adjective Presentation.

1. Adjective Definition

A word that modifies (describes) a noun or pronoun

2. Why are there adjectives?

Most nouns, like *store*, *city*, and *person*, have a very general meaning because they name a whole class of things. **To make these words definite and specific, add an adjective, a word that describes or makes clear the meaning of a noun or pronoun.** Adjectives are said to *modify* the words they describe.

Adjectives answer the questions **What kind? Which one? How many? How much?** The adjectives in the following phrases are in boldfaced type.

What kind? **Happy** children
 Busy dentist

Which one or ones? **Seventh** grade
 These countries

How many or How much? **Full** tank
 Five dollars

3. Placement of adjectives

Adjectives do not always come before the word they modify; **sometimes they follow it.**

EXAMPLES

The box is empty.
[The adjective *empty* modifies *box*]
A woman, **kind** and **wise**, helped us.
[The adjectives *kind* and *wise* modify *woman*.]

4. Articles

The most commonly used adjectives **a, an, the** are called *articles*.

5. Proper Adjectives

When an adjective has its roots as a proper noun, it is said to be a proper adjective. Just like a proper noun, **proper adjectives always begin with a capital letter.**

EXAMPLE

I love **Italian** food!

Exercise 1 Identifying Adjectives

Circle the adjectives in these sentences, and decide on the type, common or proper.

1. Juan handled the breakable glasses very carefully.
2. Playing on the computer is a favorite pastime of mine.
3. The Canadian prime minister is visiting the White House.
4. Our vacation plans include exploring the Mexican ruins.
5. The chubby baby clapped his hands excitedly.
6. Political scandal erupted during the Nixon era.
7. I made the important decision to move the essay due date until Monday.
8. The spring breezes blew my hat off; it blew into the orange trees.
9. Alaskan salmon is nutritious and delicious.
10. The Chinese noodles are in the kitchen pantry.