

THE ADJECTIVE

An adjective is a word that modifies a noun or a pronoun. The word *modify* means “to change or add to in some way.” Adjectives are used to tell *which one, what kind, how many, or how much* about nouns and pronouns.

WHICH ONE?	<i>this</i> ball, <i>that</i> store, <i>these</i> tires, <i>those</i> magazines
WHAT KIND?	<i>large</i> suitcase, <i>sweet</i> corn, <i>dull</i> program, <i>beautiful</i> scene
HOW MANY?	<i>some</i> apples, <i>all</i> cats, <i>several</i> choices, <i>most</i> students, <i>five</i> cars
HOW MUCH?	<i>little</i> encouragement, <i>much</i> help, <i>plentiful</i> supply

Three little words--*the, a,* and, *an*--are called **articles**, not adjectives.

Identifying Adjectives. In the following sentences, underline each adjective. Then circle the word it describes or modifies and draw an arrow to it.

Example: The green (dress) is pretty on Betsy.

1. Most new Presidents are cautious when they deal with Congress.
2. The window of the store was full of attractive new clothes.
3. The blue ribbon was given to the best gardener.
4. Several tall boys are members of the team this year.
5. That program is a good comedy.
6. Little work can be done on the project now.
7. The long trip on the famous Orient Express took one from Paris to Istanbul.
8. Two people can set up camp in a short time.
9. Because she was energetic, Sally jogged for two hours.
10. Some authors attract the attention of the reader with the first paragraph.
11. The new neighbors are friendly.
12. The melon was large and sweet.
13. Joyce is never conceited about winning.
14. A hundred people turned up for the first meeting.
15. Many students study foreign languages.
16. The teacher sounded angry when he spoke to the noisy students.
17. The woman seems worried about finances.
18. Karen is popular with old and young people.
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