

3 Adjectives

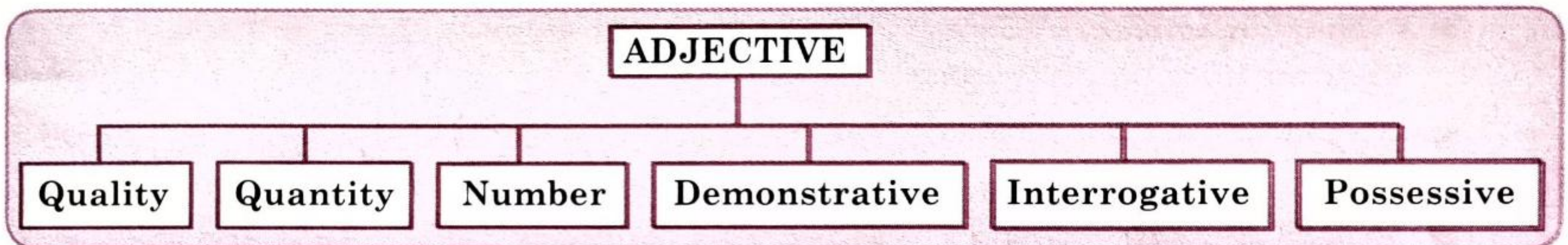


A Defining an Adjective

▶ An **adjective** is a word used to add something to the meaning of a noun (or a pronoun). In *a cruel master*, *cruel* is an adjective. Similarly, in *my aunt*, *my* is an adjective.

B Kinds of Adjectives

Adjectives can be of six kinds:



▶ Adjectives of quality (telling <i>what kind of</i>)	honest boy	easy question
▶ Adjectives of quantity (telling <i>how much</i>)	some salt	much help
▶ Adjectives of number (telling <i>how many</i>)	two mistakes	many children
▶ Demonstrative adjectives (used <i>to point out</i>)	these books	such dresses
▶ Interrogative adjectives (used <i>to ask questions</i>)	which shoes?	whose purse?
▶ Possessive adjectives (telling <i>whose</i>)	our house	her clothes

C Some Other Kinds of Adjectives

In addition to the kinds of adjectives described above, some other kinds can also be briefly mentioned.

1. Proper Adjectives

These are adjectives derived from proper nouns, from the names of geographical places (countries, continents, states, etc.). They often describe the *origin* or *source*:

Italian food

Chinese toys

Greek literature

Assamese tea

Proper adjectives are, in fact, adjectives of quality.

2. **Adjectives of number** can be further classified in the following ways:

Cardinal numbers	exact number dollars	forty rupees, eighty
Ordinal numbers	order or rank	first position, third house
Indefinite adjectives	do not denote exact number	some children, any dress
Distributive adjectives	refer to each one of a number, taken one at a time	every book, each member, neither candidate

3. **Emphasising Adjectives**

These adjectives are used to *emphasise* or to show *strong feelings*:

complete nonsense the **very** words I spoke **sheer** wastage

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|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| ▶ Proper adjectives
(derived from proper nouns) | Egyptian culture | an Indian scientist |
| ▶ Indefinite adjectives
(do not denote exact number) | some people | any law |
| ▶ Distributive adjectives
(refer to each one of a number) | every minister | each book |
| ▶ Emphasising adjectives
(used to emphasise) | my own country | the very words |



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Class VI
ADJECTIVES

Chapter - 2.

EXAMPLES

Adjectives of Quality -

good, bad, nice, intelligent, heavy, clever, etc.

Adjectives of Quantity - (for uncountable nouns)

Some, enough, no, any, all, much, little, etc.

Adjectives of Number - (for countable nouns)

two, many, most, all, first, several, etc.

Demonstrative Adjectives - (placed before noun).

These, Those, This, That

Interrogative Adjectives - (used with nouns)

whose, which, what, etc.

Possessive Adjectives -

my, our, your, his, her, etc.

Exercise

Exercise 1.

Underline the adjectives in this story and say what kind of adjective they are.

When the Chinese philosopher Confucius was about to die, he called his favourite disciple and said, "Son, look into my mouth and check if I have my tongue inside."

The disciple looked into the mouth and said, "Master, your tongue is there inside the mouth."

"Look again. Are any teeth there?"

"There isn't even one tooth."

"What lesson do you learn from this observation?" Confucius asked.

Then he said, "The tongue is soft. It is flexible. So it is still there. The teeth were hard. They were unbending. So they are gone although they appeared much after the tongue. You should have an adjusting attitude in life. It will be in your interest."

This is one of the greatest teachings of Confucius.

To be continuing in the next English 1 Class.

→ ADJECTIVES

Answers will be provided to you in the next English 1 class.

Class VI

Chapter 2.

NOUNS

Answers

Exercise 2.

fairness

youngness / youth

argument

truth

nobility

clearness / clarity

agreement

healing / health

business

largeness

heaviness

popularity

purity

depth

boyhood

freedom

childhood

wisdom

Exercise 3

i) board

ii) string

iii) pack

iv) herd

v) pride

vi) bouquet

vii) bundle

viii) litter

ix) troupe

x) swarm

Dear Students,
Next day, there will be English 2 class.

29th MAY 2020 → FRIDAY → ENGLISH 2.

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