

Adjectives Advertise

Adjectives advertise attributes of nouns or pronouns by telling what kind, which one, how many....

Article Adjectives

Definite Article
advertises specific noun.

The

The boy

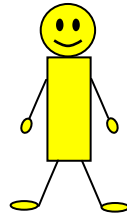
Indefinite Articles

advertise non-specific nouns.

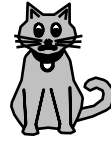
A / An

A boy

An ostrich



big John



good cat



full liberty

These can also advertise nouns:

Adjective Phrase
Adjective Clause
Participle

Interrogative Adjectives

ask questions about nouns.

What, Which

What boy?

Which cat?

Demonstrative Adjectives

advertise specific nouns.

This, That
These, Those

For Singular Nouns

This boy

That cat

For Plural Nouns

These boys

Those cats

Number Adjectives

advertise how many nouns.

Two girls

Five puppies

Indefinite Adjectives

advertise non-specific nouns.

All, Any, Each, Few, Many,
No, Several, Some...

Any boy

No cat

Some liberty

Possessive Adjectives

advertise who or what "owns" a noun.

Its, Her, His, My, Our,
Their, Your...

Its body

Their house

Your freedom

Postpositive Adjectives

follow their nouns.

heir apparent

something bad

John Junior

Attorney General

Proper Adjectives

are Proper Nouns used as adjectives.

Boston bank

French fries

English cottage

Title Adjectives

advertise a person's status.

Mr. Jones

Dr. Smith

Uncle Stan

Compound Adjectives

advertise the same noun but usually can't stand alone and are often linked by a hyphen.

full-time job

(not: "full job" or "time job" or "full time job")

Beach Boys concert

(not: "Beach concert" or "Boys concert")

Consecutive Adjectives

typically follow this order:
quantity, opinion, size, shape,
age, color, origin, material...

stately brick mansion

(not: brick stately mansion)

big, black, Arabian horse

(not: Arabian, black, big horse)

Optional: Insert commas where consecutive adjectives can be separated by "and."



Officer, can you point out the ruffians who caused the commotion?



I can *demonstratively* state that the protest was disrupted by that man and those boys.

How many protestors were there exactly?



I'm *indefinite*, but there were several people possessing their own protest signs.

Sorry to be so *interrogative*, but which ruffian threw the first rock and what shirt was he wearing?



In your *article*, write that it wasn't just any boy, it was the one wearing a red shirt!

Think De = Thee

Observe that the "De" types begin with "th."

Definite Article (the)

Demonstrative (this, that,

these, those)

Adjective or Pronoun?

When *not* advertising nouns, these types of adjectives are generally pronouns:

* **Interrogative**

* **Demonstrative / Indefinite**

* **Possessive (aka Personal)**



Your Turn!



Match each adjective to a category.

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1) ___ <i>what</i> time? | a. Possessive |
| 2) ___ <i>four</i> boats | b. Indefinite |
| 3) ___ notary <i>public</i> | c. Demonstrative |
| 4) ___ <i>Aunt</i> Ann | d. Compound |
| 5) ___ <i>deep-sea</i> diving | e. Title |
| 6) ___ <i>these</i> apples | f. Postpositive |
| 7) ___ <i>each</i> one | g. Number |
| 8) ___ <i>our</i> friends | h. Interrogative |
| 9) ___ <i>Chinese</i> city | i. Proper |

True or False

- 10) _____ An indefinite article advertises a specific noun.
- 11) _____ This is the correct adjective order: *Italian delicious* pasta.
- 12) _____ Demonstrative adjectives include *this* and *those*.
- 13) _____ Indefinite adjectives include *your* and *our*.
- 14) _____ Interrogative adjectives include *all* and *several*.
- 15) _____ Phrases and clauses can act as adjectives.

Answers: 1h, 2g, 3f, 4e, 5d, 6c, 7b, 8a, 9i, 10F, 11F, 12T, 13F, 14F, 15T