

## ADJECTIVES 1: Identifying adjectives

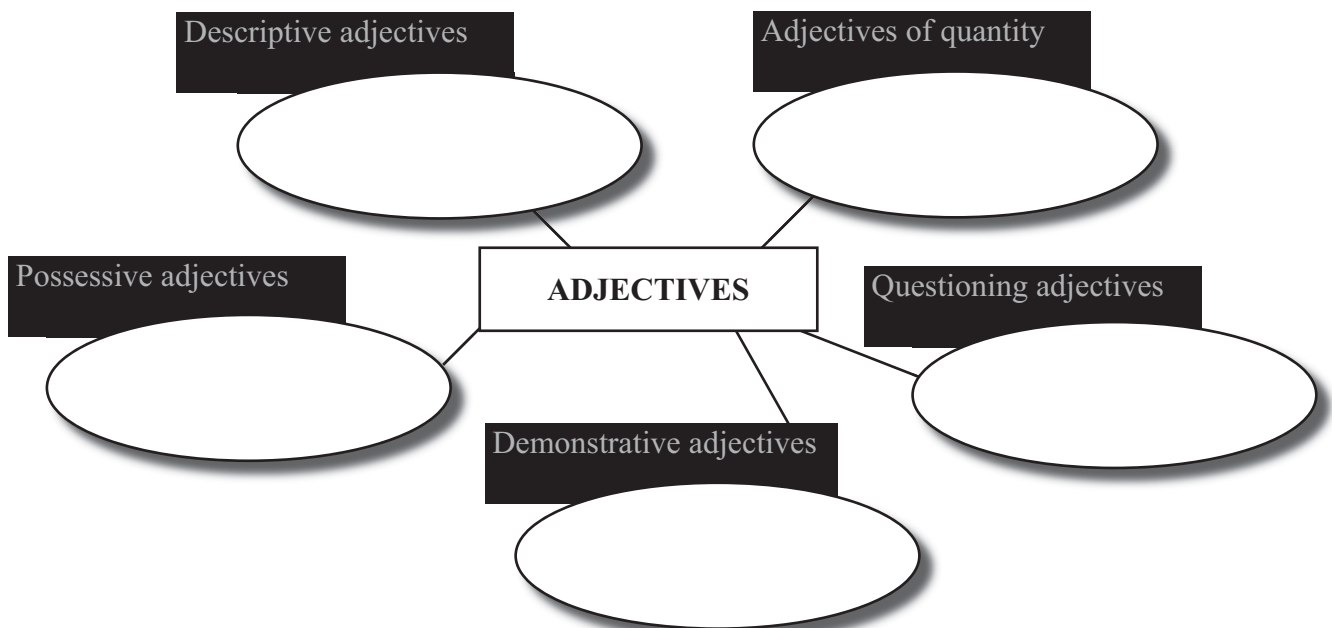
Adjectives are words that modify a noun – that is, they tell us something about the noun. In *Chambers School Dictionary*, adjectives are labelled *adjective*.

For information on the different types of adjective, see the **Language Workshop** panel on **Adjectives** in *Chambers School Dictionary*. Use this panel too if you need help to complete these exercises.

### ADJECTIVE MIND MAP

Underline the adjectives in the following sentences. Then write them in the correct circle according to what type of adjective they are.

1. She was wearing a blue dress.
2. He met some beautiful French girls on holiday.
3. Her father was very strict and never let her go out with boys.
4. I have several outfits. Which dress do you think I should wear for her party?
5. I have two brothers who each have three young children.
6. She had eaten some crisps and several juicy grapes.
7. Look at that huge green car!



## DICTIONARY WORKSHEET 1

Now rewrite the sentences, replacing each of the adjectives with a different adjective.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

## ADJECTIVE MATHS

Count how many adjectives you can find in this passage and then multiply the total by twelve. What number do you get?

Jenny was very excited. She was going with her brother on a school trip to Italy. This trip was the first she had been on. They were going skiing in the Italian Alps. She had several friends who were also going, so it should be fun. She had been given a long list of what clothes and equipment to take so she was busy packing her huge red suitcase.

Total number of adjectives \_\_\_\_\_ x 12

TOTAL

## ADJECTIVES 2: Identifying comparatives and superlatives

Different forms of an adjective can be used when comparing things or people.

A **positive** adjective simply describes something, and does not compare it with anything else:

It is a *hot* day.

I had a *surprising* thought.

A **comparative** adjective is used to compare one thing with another, and is followed by the word 'than':

He is *older* than me.

This book is *more interesting* than the last one I read.

A **superlative** adjective tells you that something is the greatest, biggest, worst etc of any others:

Mount Everest is *the highest* mountain.

She's *the best* teacher in the school.

In *Chambers School Dictionary*, irregular comparatives and superlatives are shown in blue at the end of the entry. These are comparatives and superlatives where you have to change the spelling of the adjective rather than simply add an ending, eg

**big ► bigger, biggest**

For more information on comparatives and superlatives, see the **Language Workshop** panel on **Comparing adjectives** in *Chambers School Dictionary*.

## SORTING COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES

Find the adjective in the following sentences and write it in the correct column in the table below. Then see if you can fill in the other forms of the adjective.

1. Rachel is the tallest girl in the class.
2. Vikram is better at football than I am.
3. The family is very rich.
4. I was given the best birthday present ever!
5. I think French is the most difficult subject.
6. Mum is more worried about me than Dad is.
7. I was nervous before the exam.
8. Maya is more attractive than her sister.

<b>Positive</b>	<b>Comparative</b>	<b>Superlative</b>
tall	taller	tallest

Think of another two adjectives, and write a sentence for one of them in its comparative form, and one in its superlative form.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## ADJECTIVES 3: Forming comparatives and superlatives

Some comparatives and superlatives are formed by adding the endings **-er** and **-est**, some are formed by putting the words **more** and **most** in front of the adjective, and some are completely irregular. For more information on this, see the **Language Workshop** panel on **Comparing adjectives** in *Chambers School Dictionary*.

### A TEACHER'S WORK IS NEVER DONE!

Imagine that you are a teacher. A student in your class has written the following sentences. Use a pen to mark whether the student has used the correct form of a comparative or superlative (✓) or not (✗).

1. This is the beautifullest picture I have seen.
2. It was the most best day of my life.
3. She looked happier than she had done for a long time.
4. The exam was more difficult than I thought it would be.
5. She was the most prettiest in the class.
6. I'm better at sport than my brother.
7. The museum was interestinger than the last one we went to.
8. The house is smaller than the one we used to live in.

Now rewrite the sentences that you have marked as being wrong, so that they are correct.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## HOLIDAY MEMORIES

Think of a holiday that you've been on. Write five adjectives that best describe this holiday in the box below. Then write five sentences about the holiday, using each adjective in a comparative or superlative form.



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_