

Adjectives act as modifiers of nouns – that is, they tell us something about the noun they relate to. There are different types of adjective that give different types of information:

Descriptive adjectives give information about the qualities of people or things.

The girl was *short* and wore a *blue* jacket.

This woman is *British*.

He is an *excellent* teacher.

Adjectives of quantity inform about the amount of something.

She had a *few* cows, *several* pigs and *some* chickens.

The *four* children drank *ten* bottles of lemonade and ate *half* an apple pie.

Possessive adjectives show ownership of the noun.

John washes *his* car every Sunday.

Don't waste *your* time.

Demonstrative adjectives point to someone or something particular.

Look at *this* letter.

These children read *those* books.

Questioning or interrogative adjectives ask about something.

What coat shall I wear?

Show me *which* dress you like.



Identify the adjectives in these sentences:

1. You are **getting on my nerves**.
2. I saw a **terrible play at that theatre**.
3. The **player had numerous chances to score great goals**.

➤ See also **Language Workshop** panel on **Comparing adjectives**.