



# ADJECTIVES

Kinds of Adjectives

Types of Comparisons / Degrees

## WHAT IS AN ADJECTIVE?

- A word that modifies a noun.
- There are SIX different kinds of adjectives
- There are THREE degrees of adjectives



## TYPES OF ADJECTIVES

- Description
- Limiting
- Pronominal
- Possessive
- Proper



# DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVE

□ Words that describe a noun or a pronoun

- Yellow flowers
- Spacious garden
- Cardboard box
- Heavy weights
- Small animal



# LIMITING ADJECTIVE

- Also called ARTICLES
  - A, AN, THE
  - The book
  - A book
  - An orange
  
- Numerals are also limiting adjectives
  - One book
  - Third prize
  - Seventh place



# PRONOMINAL ADJECTIVE

- Pronouns that modify a noun
  - *Which, what, whatever, whatsoever, whichever, this*
  - **This** reason
  - **Which** book
  - **Whatever** reason
  - **What** mistake



# POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVE

- Pronouns used as adjectives to show ownership
  - My, Your, His, Her, Its, Our, Their

□ Her bracelet

□ Their team

□ His hat



# PROPER ADJECTIVE

- Derived from Proper Nouns
- **Japanese** students
- **American** history
- **Korean** film
- **French** lessons
- **Mexican** food
- **Ritz** crackers





# PREDICATE ADJECTIVE

- Not a modifier of a noun
- Always a complement
- **Tom was successful.**
- **Successful** is a complement of the subject
- ***Successful Tom***
- **Successful** is the predicate adjective



## COMPARISONS / DEGREES OF ADJECTIVES

- Positive
- Comparative
- Superlative



## POSITIVE

- Expresses no comparison
- Only about one noun.
- The room was **large**.
- The box is **brown**.
- The room was **long**.
- The bear was **fuzzy**.



## COMPARATIVE

- Compares two persons or things.
- Tom is **happier** after lunch.
- He is the **taller** of the two boys.
- Some oranges are more **delicious** during the winter months.
- I was less **excited** about the barbeque than Jenny.



## SUPERLATIVE

- When more than two persons or things are compared.
- This is the **warmest** room in the house.
- Gloria is the most **beautiful** girl in the world.



# SUMMARY

- POSITIVE = Good, Bad, Less, Many
- COMPARATIVE = Better, Worse, Lesser, More
- SUPERLATIVE = Best, Worst, Least, Most

