

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

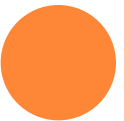
□ Their team

□ 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

