

Adjectives

An **adjective** is a word that gives information about a noun or pronoun.

An adjective can tell *what kind*, *which one*, or *how many*. Choose adjectives that give the exact description you intend. *Silver ball* has a different meaning than *sparkling ball*.

what kind

John plays with the **rubber** ball.

how many

Misha's dog has **seven** puppies.

which one

I like the **green** lollipop the best.

Adjectives

Identify the adjectives that describe the underlined nouns. Then tell if the adjective indicates what kind, which one, or how many.

- 1 The new plane bumped when it flew through the fluffy cloud cover.
- 2 Some passengers have been traveling for several hours.
- 3 After six hours, the blue plane landed.

Identify each adjective and the noun that it describes.

- 4 The busy traveler pulled two heavy suitcases.
- 5 Traveling by plane is a fast and comfortable experience.
- 6 On most planes, travelers have 24 inches of space to themselves.

Adjectives after *Be*

Adjectives describe nouns and words such as *I*, *it*, and *we*. An adjective can follow the word it describes. This usually happens when an adjective follows a form of the verb *be*.

past tense of be *adjective*
The plane ride **was** **long**.

Adjectives after *Be*

Identify each adjective and the word that it describes.

- 1 The air was warm.
- 2 The plane was new.
- 3 I am excited to go on the plane.
- 4 The clouds are white and fluffy.

Ordering Adjectives

When more than one adjective is used to describe something, the adjectives should be in a certain order: number, opinion, size, shape, color, and purpose.

number *opinion* *size*
We saw **six** **beautiful** **giant** sharks at the aquarium.

Ordering Adjectives

Read each sentence below, then restate it with the adjectives in the correct order.

- 1 There are brown large three planes outside.
There are _____ planes outside.
- 2 I like the red beautiful square seats.
I like the _____ seats.
- 3 A golden shining million stars dotted the night sky.
A _____ stars dotted the night sky.

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Choose adjectives carefully to describe the noun exactly.

adjective *adjective*
The cat's fur was **soft** and **fluffy**.

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number *size* *color*
There are **five** **tiny** **blue** beads on the table.

Review Adjectives

Name all the adjectives in each sentence.

- 1 Nania's antique piano was beautiful.
- 2 The tiny cat purred and curled into a tight ball.
- 3 I read a huge book about ancient Greece.
- 4 We put the bright red flowers into a tall vase.
- 5 My older sister is hilarious.

Put the adjectives in these sentences in the correct order.

- 6 The man lived in a red beautiful house.
- 7 The green tiny four peas rolled off the plate.
- 8 My winter huge striped blanket is in the closet now.

Connect to Writing: Using Adjectives

To make writing flow smoothly, move adjectives to combine sentences. If two choppy sentences tell about the same noun, combine the sentences by moving the adjectives from one sentence and placing them before the noun in the other. Make sure the adjectives are in the correct order and choose exact adjectives.

Short, Choppy Sentences	
The fish swam in circles in the tank.	There were six colorful fish.
Longer, Smoother Sentence	
The six colorful fish swam in circles in the tank.	