

Unit 7 - Interactive Grammar Notebook Lesson 7:1 KINDS OF ADJECTIVES



What is an adjective?

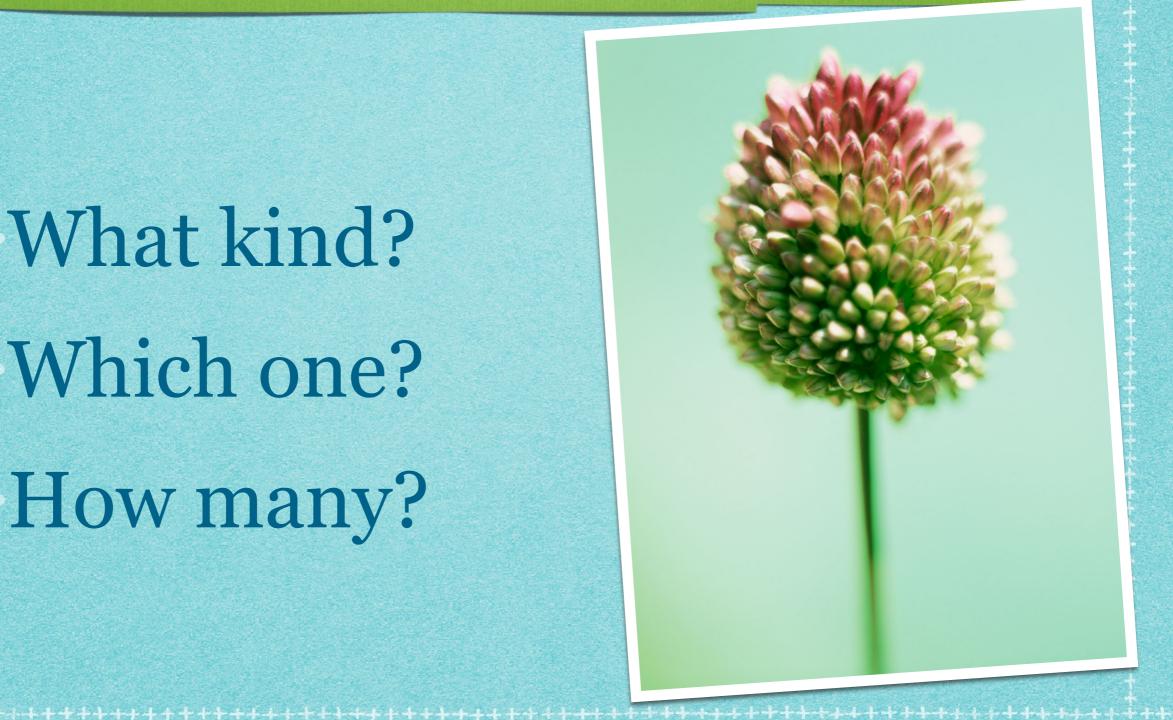
(to describe the word or make its meaning more definite)

A word that modifies a noun or pronoun.

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Adjectives ask...

What kind? Which one? How many?







articles

In English there are three articles: a, an, and the. (some)

Definite article

an article that refers to something or someone in particular

the (before a singular or plural noun)

Indefinite article

an article that refers to something or someone in general (not specific)

a (before a singular noun beginning with a consonant sound)an (before a singular noun beginning with a vowel sound)



I do not want	gun in my house (any gun).			
gun is in his closet (implies there is a specific gun).				
	guns (all guns in general).			
	me postcard from Italy (an unspecific postcard - not a letter,			
not an e-mail).	posteara nom italy (an anspecine posteara "not a letter,			
Dit's pos	stcard that I have in my office (one specific postcard).			
Getting	_ postcards makes me want to travel (any postcard in general).			
I have dog (one dog).				
dog is very friendly (the dog that I have already mentioned).				
Dogs make great	pets (dogs in general).			
Greta needs	furniture in her apartment (furniture is a noncount noun).			
She is going to select	furniture that she needs (the specific furniture			
that she needs).				
We are going to see _	Statue of Liberty this weekend (the only Statue of			
Liberty)				

Proper Adjectives

>formed from a proper noun >begins with a capital letter

English | Arabian | Christian | Buddhist | Islamic | Spanish |

(place name) proper noun	proper adjective	example sentence
Africa	African	Jumbo was a famous African elephant.
Amazon	Amazonian	They cut their way through the Amazonian rainforest.
Antarctica	Antarctic	Nothing could prepare them for the ferocity of the Antarctic winds.
Asia	Asian	How many Asian countries have you visited?
Barcelona	B arcelonian	This is one of many Barcelonian traditions.
Britain	B ritish	My teacher is British.
China	Chinese	Let's go to a Chinese restaurant.
Mexico	Mexican	Do you like Mexican food?
South America	S outh A merican	Cape Horn is the southern tip of the South American landmass.

(person's name) proper noun	proper adjective	example sentence
Gautama Buddha	Buddhist	This is the most famous of the Buddhist temples here.
Charles Darwin	Darwinian	Some people challenge the concept of Darwinian evolution.
Jesus Christ	Christian	These traditions are inherently Christian.
Adolf Hitler	Hitlerian	The Hitlerian moustache originated in the need to trim moustaches to fit under gas-masks, worn in response to British mustard gas attacks.
Niccolò Machiavelli	Machiavellian	The tactics he encountered were almost Machiavellian.
Karl Marx	Marxist	We discussed the finer points of <i>Marxist</i> theory.
William Shakespeare	Shakespearean	How many Shakespearean plays have been made into films?

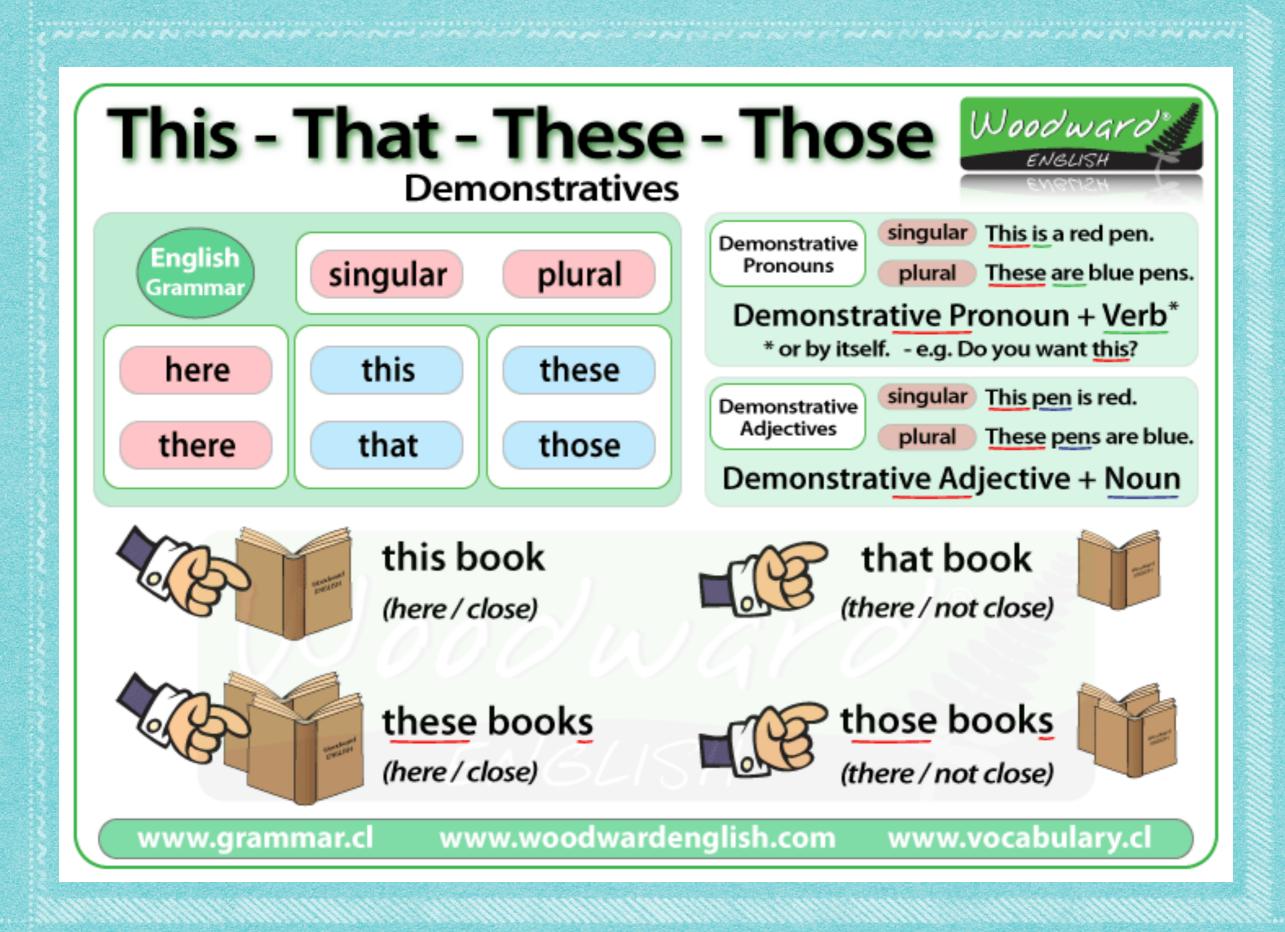
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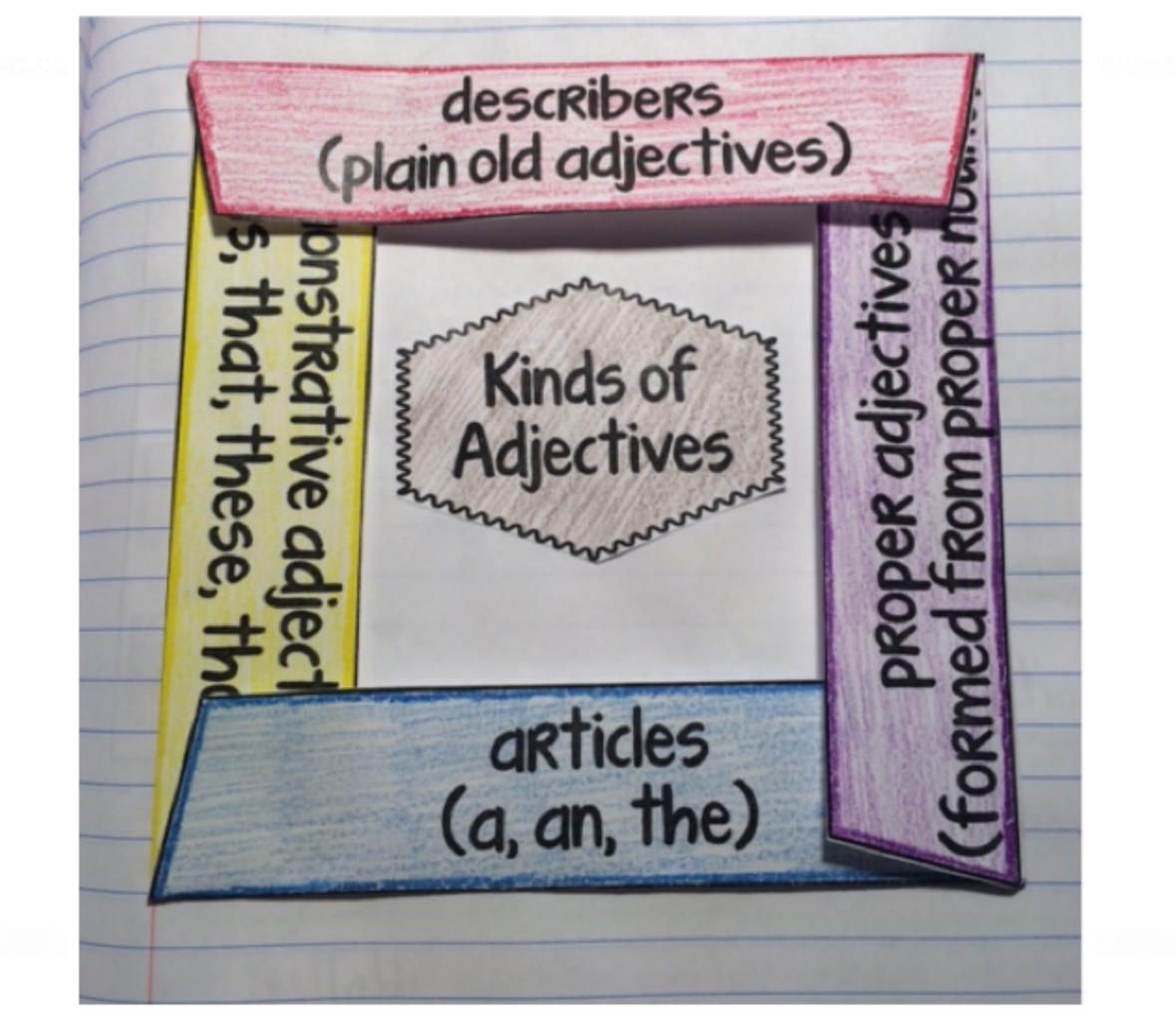
- this, that, these, those
- when they modify a noun...

demonstrative adjective

• when they take the place of a noun...

demonstrative **pronoun**







- DESCRIBERS: The yellow, stinky bus careened down the old dirt road.
- DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES: I prefer this brand of ice cream over that brand.
- PROPER ADJECTIVES: I like French bread with my sandwiches.
- ARTICLES/ARTICLE ADJECTIVES: The volcano is a popular tourist attraction.