

ADJECTIVES

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.

Adjectives ask...

- ▶ What kind?
- ▶ Which one?
- ▶ How many?



PRACTICE



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).
- ▶ I am afraid of _____ guns (all guns in general).
- ▶ She sent me _____ postcard from Italy (an unspecific postcard - not a letter, not an e-mail).
- ▶ It's _____ postcard 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 |

Table 1

(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	Barcelonian	This is one of many Barcelonian traditions.
Britain	British	My teacher is British.
China	Chinese	Let's go to a Chinese restaurant.
Mexico	Mexican	Do you like Mexican food?
South America	South American	Cape Horn is the southern tip of the South American landmass.

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(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?

demonstrative adjectives

- **this, that, these, those**

- when they modify a noun...

demonstrative **adjective**

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

demonstrative **pronoun**

This - That - These - Those

Demonstratives



English
Grammar

singular

plural

here

this

these

there

that

those

Demonstrative
Pronouns

singular This is a red pen.

plural These are blue pens.

Demonstrative Pronoun + Verb*

* or by itself. - e.g. Do you want this?

Demonstrative
Adjectives

singular This pen is red.

plural These pens are blue.

Demonstrative Adjective + Noun



this book

(here / close)



that book

(there / not close)



these books

(here / close)



those books

(there / not close)



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describers
(plain old adjectives)

Kinds of
Adjectives

demonstrative adjectives
this, that, these, those

articles
(a, an, the)

proper adjectives
(formed from proper nouns)

- **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.