

Adjectives (Picture Puzzle)

Adjective

An adjective is a word which describes a noun or pronoun. Adjectives can add important information like quality, quantity or even used to compare the noun or pronoun. E.g. a wise man, a red box etc.

An adjective can also describe another adjective. E.g. A giant wild elephant.

Types of adjectives :

1. **Descriptive:** Adjectives which are used to describe nouns and pronouns. E.g. beautiful, wise, fat, thin etc.
2. **Quantitative:** Adjectives which describe the quantity of something. It answers questions like "how much?" and "how many?". E.g. How much sugar do you want? How many days are there in a leap year?
3. **Demonstrative:** They point out or refer to the noun or pronoun. E.g. This movie, That book etc.
4. **Possessive:** Adjectives which show possession. E.g. My book, His dog etc.
5. **Interrogative:** Adjectives which are used to ask questions. E.g. Whose, Which, What etc
6. **Distributive:** Adjectives which describe definite members out of a group. E.g. Each, every, neither, any, either etc.

Imp concept: Every though looks like plural but is used for referring all the members of a group individually. Thus it should be treated as a singular.

E.g.

Wrong: Every student **love** maths.

Correct: Every student **loves** maths.

You can also say: All students love maths.

Wrong: Every babies are cute.

Correct: Every baby is cute.

Degrees of Adjective:

1. Positive degree: Adjective in the normal form which is used for describing and comparing.
2. Comparative degree: An adjective which is used to compare two things. Than is used here. E.g. He is smarter than Rohit.
3. Superlative degree: An adjective which is used to compare more than two things. E.g. Riya is the best dancer in our school.

Rules for degrees:

1. When the adjective is **monosyllable** word (**a word having only one vowel sound**) then we add "er" at the end for comparative and "est" for superlative degrees.

E.g. Big - Bigger - Biggest.

Few words having 2 syllables are also treated the same way. E.g. Wise, Loud etc.

2. When the adjective has 2 or more than 2 syllables then we put "more" before the word for comparative and "most" for superlative degrees.

E.g. Intelligent - More Intelligent - Most Intelligent.

3. **Irregular forms:** Some adjectives have totally different words in their comparative and superlative forms.

E.g.

Good - Better - Best.

Bad - Worse - Worst.

Little - Less - Least.

Much - More - Most.

Imp concept: "The" is used before the superlative form of adjectives to denote their definiteness.

E.g.

Wrong: Riya is a best dancer in our school.

Wrong: Riya is best dancer in our school.

Correct: Riya is **the** best dancer in our school.