

ADJECTIVES

An **adjective** is a word that describes a noun. Specifically, an adjective can describe the quantity, opinion, size, age, color, shape, origin, material, specificity, and purpose of something. These descriptive words help us to clearly visualize what someone is talking about, whether in a day-to-day conversation or in a book.

Here are a couple of example sentences that contain simple adjectives.

The brown squirrel scampered up the tall tree.

Three people just sat at the wooden table.

In the first sentence, the adjectives *brown* and *tall* are describing color and size, and in the second sentence, the adjectives *three* and *wooden* are describing number and material. Articles (*a*, *an*, and *the*) are also adjectives, because they describe whether a noun is specific or non-specific.

When two or more adjectives are being used to describe a noun, they are known as **coordinate adjectives**. Coordinate adjectives should be separated by a comma or the word *and*, as seen in the following sentences:

What a thoughtful and generous gift!

Rufus is a happy, energetic dog.

When a single adjective is made of multiple words, it is known as a **compound adjective**. Compound adjectives require a hyphen, as seen in the example sentences below:

The six-page essay is due tomorrow.

Kim is a well-known biologist from Nevada.



LIST OF ADJECTIVES

able	disturbed	frustrating	loose
abrupt	dizzy	funny	lovely
acidic	early	fuzzy	low
adorable	easy	gaudy	lucky
adventurous	effortless	good	massive
aggressive	exasperated	graceful	mysterious
agitated	excited	greasy	narrow
alert	exhilarated	great	nasty
aloof	extensive	grieving	outrageous
bad	exuberant	gritty	panicky
best	foolish	grotesque	perfect
bored	frantic	grubby	perplexed
brave	fresh	grumpy	quizzical
bright	friendly	handsome	teeny
certain	frightened	happy	tender
clear	frothy	hard	tense
colossal	frustrating	hollow	terrible
condescending	glorious	hungry	tricky
confused	gorgeous	hurt	troubled
cooperative	grubby	icy	unsightly
corny	happy	ideal	upset
costly	harebrained	immense	white
courageous	healthy	impressionable	whole
cruel	helpful	intrigued	wicked
despicable	helpless	irate	yellow
determined	high	large	young
different	hollow	lazy	yummy
dilapidated	homely	livid	zany
diminutive	free	lonely	zealous
distressed	frothy	long	zippy

