

Adjective Notes

- An adjective is a word that describes a noun.
- They are often called *modifiers*, because they modify, or change, the meaning of a noun or pronoun.

Questions Answered By Adjectives

What Kind?	<i>expensive</i> toys	<i>colorful</i> caps
Which One?	<i>this</i> man	<i>these</i> paddles
How Many How Much?	<i>few</i> cars	<i>many</i> people

Articles

- The articles *a*, *an*, and *the* are frequently used adjectives.
 - The* is the **definite** article. It is pointed to a specific person, place, or thing.
 - A* and *an* are **indefinite** articles. They point to a member of a group of similar people.
 - A* is used before consonant sounds.
 - An* is used before vowel sounds.

Proper Adjectives

- A proper adjective is:
 - a proper noun used as an adjective
 - an adjective formed from a proper noun
- When a proper noun is used as an adjective and answers *What Kind?* or *Which One?*

<u>Proper Nouns</u>	<u>Proper Nouns Used as Adjectives</u>
Baltimore	<u>Baltimore</u> newspaper
April	<u>April</u> showers
Kennedy	<u>Kennedy</u> family

- Suffixes are added to many proper nouns to make them into proper adjectives.

<u>Proper Nouns</u>	<u>Proper Adjective Forms</u>
America	<u>American</u> jazz
Egypt	<u>Egyptian</u> empire
Florida	<u>Floridian</u> sunsets

Pronouns as Adjectives

- A personal pronoun can be used as an adjective IF it modifies a noun.

<u>Personal Pronouns Used As Possessive Adjectives</u>	
<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
my	our
your	your
his, her, its	their

Demonstrative Adjectives

- The four demonstrative pronouns *this*, *that*, *these*, and *those* are often used as adjectives.
- When they appear immediately before a noun, it is functioning as a demonstrative adjective.