



# Adjectives

An adjective is used to describe someone or something. It gives more information in a sentence.

The **frail, old** woman found it difficult to walk **unaided**. She was **cautious and careful**.

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Adjectives describe someone (woman).

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Adjectives describe someone (she).

There are several kinds of adjectives:

Type of adjective	Example
<p><b>describing adjectives</b> These are the most common and describe a person, place or thing.</p>	<p>intelligent, beautiful, tall, spindly, obese, shy, green, athletic, clever, shiny</p> <p>The <b>shiny</b> coin flashed in the sunlight. The <b>beautiful, white</b> cat strutted across the garden.</p>
<p><b>proper adjectives</b> These are proper nouns used as adjectives.</p>	<p><b>Australian</b> native animals are unique. The <b>June</b> rain is ideal for plants.</p>
<p><b>adjectives of order</b> These tell position.</p>	<p>first, third, last</p> <p>He was the <b>last</b> boy in the queue. She was in <b>third</b> place in her age race.</p>
<p><b>possessive adjectives</b> These tell who something belongs to.</p>	<p>my, his, her, their, your, its, our</p> <p>This is <b>our</b> garden. Is this <b>your</b> magazine?</p>
<p><b>numbering adjectives</b> These tell how many.</p>	<p>two, thirty, many, several, lots of, each, every, most, several, few</p> <p>There were <b>several</b> girls in the play. There were <b>five</b> levels in the building.</p>
<p><b>compound adjectives</b> These are adjectives joined by hyphens.</p>	<p>half-ripe, feather-light, fast-moving, well-developed</p> <p>The <b>feather-light</b> sponge won first prize.</p>