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- An **adjective** is used to describe a noun or a pronoun.
- Examples:

Adjectives answer four questions:	
What kind?	brick house; white paper
Which one?	that judge; each answer
How many?	one daffodil; several roses
How much?	no time; enough raisins

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Articles



- Three commonly used adjectives are called **articles**- the, a, and an.
 - **The**, the **definite article**, refers to a specific person, place, or thing.
 - ✦ **The** court, **the** attorney, **the** broken law
 - **A** and **an**, the **indefinite articles**, refer to any one class of people, places, or things.
 - ✦ **A** court, **an** attorney, **a** broken law
 - **A** is used before consonant sounds
 - ✦ **A** hero, **a** university, **a** one-act play
 - **An** is used before vowel sounds
 - ✦ **An** honor, **an** understanding, **an** open door.

Nouns used as Adjectives



- When a **noun** is used as an adjective, it comes before another noun and answers the question what kind? or which one?
 - Examples:
 - ✦ **Nouns:** court, morning
 - ✦ **Adjectives:** a **court** date, a **morning** appointment
 - Example Sentences:
 - ✦ Congress makes **public** laws.
 - ✦ Congress is made up of two **government** houses, the House of Representatives and the Senate.
 - ✦ Both houses of Congress are concerned with protecting **citizen** rights.

Proper Adjectives



- A **proper adjective** is a proper noun used as an adjective or an adjective formed from a proper noun.

Proper Nouns	Used as a Proper Adjective
Arizona	Arizona desert (what kind of desert?)
Tuesday	Tuesday morning (which morning?)

Proper Nouns	Proper Adjectives formed from Proper Nouns
Elizabeth	Elizabethan literature (what kind of literature?)
Boston	Bostonian architecture (what kind of architecture?)

Compound Adjectives



- A **compound adjective** is made up of more than one word.
 - Most are written as hyphenated words.
 - ✦ **One-sided** opinion
 - ✦ **So-called** expert
 - They can be written as combined words.
 - ✦ **Heartbreaking** news
 - ✦ **Nearsighted** witness

Pronouns Used as Adjectives



- A pronoun is used as an adjective if it modifies a noun.
 - Four kinds of pronouns are sometimes used as adjectives:
 - ✦ Personal, Demonstrative, Interrogative, Indefinite
 - **Possessive Adjectives-** **my, your, his, her, its, our, their**
 - ✦ They have antecedents
 - ✦ They answer the question which one?
 - Examples:
 - Presidential candidates are nominated by **their** political **parties**.
 - The President is officially elected only after the Electoral College announces **its** vote **tally**.

Pronouns Used as Adjectives



- **Demonstrative Adjectives:** **this, that, these, those**
 - ✦ **Pronoun:** I saw **this**.
 - ✦ **Adjective:** I'll vote on **this** issue.
 - ✦ **Pronoun:** I want **those**.
 - ✦ **Adjective:** Count **those** ballots.

- **Interrogative Adjectives:** **who, whom, which, what, whose**
 - ✦ **Pronoun:** **What** did he want?
 - ✦ **Adjective:** **What** sentence did he give?
 - ✦ **Pronoun:** **Whose** is that?
 - ✦ **Adjective:** **Whose** courtroom is that?

- **Indefinite Adjectives:** **all, everyone, anything, most, etc.**
 - ✦ **Pronoun:** I bought one of **each**.
 - ✦ **Adjective:** **Each** judge writes an opinion.
 - ✦ **Pronoun:** I don't want **any**.
 - ✦ **Adjective:** I don't want **any** help.