

ADJECTIVES

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What are adjectives?

- Adjectives are words that describe the qualities or states of being of nouns:
enormous, doglike, silly, yellow, fun, fast.
(*Adjetivos son palabras que describen las cualidades o estados de los sustantivos*)
- They can also describe the quantity of nouns:
many, few, millions, eleven.
(*Hay tambien los que describen cantidades de sustantivos*)

Adjectives are words that modify (describe) nouns.

- *Adjectives do not modify verbs or adverbs or other adjectives.* (Los adjetivos no modifican verbos o adverbios, u otros adjetivos, solo sustantivos)
 - ❖ Margot wore a **beautiful** hat to the pie-eating contest.
 - ❖ **Furry** dogs may overheat in the summertime.
 - ❖ My cake should have **sixteen** candles.
 - ❖ The **scariest** villain of all time is Darth Vader.
- *In the sentences above, the adjectives are easy to spot because they come immediately before the nouns they modify.* (En las oraciones anteriores, los adjetivos son fácilmente identificados porque vienen inmediatamente antes de los sustantivos que modifican/describen)

USES OF ADJECTIVES

Los adjetivos ayudan a mencionar cantidades, características, formas, sentimientos, entre otros.

❖ Please use **three white flowers** in the arrangement.

- *Three and white are modifying flowers.*

Often, when adjectives are used together, you should separate them with a comma or conjunction.

- ❖ I'm looking for a **small, good-tempered dog** to keep as a pet.
- ❖ My new dog is **small and good-tempered**.

COMPARATIVES

- Comparative adjectives, unsurprisingly, make a comparison between two or more things.
- For most one-syllable adjectives, the comparative is formed by adding the suffix *-er* (or just *-r* if the adjective already ends with an *e*).
- For two-syllable adjectives ending in *-y*, replace *-y* with *-ier*.
- For multi-syllable adjectives, add the word *more*.

Examples:

- ❖ A **cooler** guy (one- syllable)
- ❖ A **messier** desk (one-syllable)
- ❖ A **more mischievous** cat (multi-syllable)
- ❖ **More garrulous** squirrels (multi-syllable)