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## ADJECTIVES

Adjectives are words used to describe or “modify” nouns or pronouns. Adjectives can, in turn, be modified by adverbs. It is important to know how to use adjective effectively.

### <<<<< ADJECTIVES: THE BASICS >>>>>

#### (1) Think “before”

Adjectives usually come before the noun they modify. Look at some of the following examples:

- He is a new student.
- It is a hot day.
- The black cat is sleeping.

The words underlined with one line are the adjectives. The words underlined with two lines are the nouns the adjectives modify. So, in most cases, place the adjective before the noun.

Practice writing some sentences by placing adjectives before the noun they modify. You may use the following list of adjectives or use your own.

**long    new    dirty    heavy    delicious    dangerous    cute    empty    smart**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



## (2) Think “after”

In some cases, adjectives can form the predicate of a sentence and come after a verb. Look at some of the following examples:

- John is funny.
- Her sister is kind.
- That car is blue.

Notice how in these examples, the adjectives come after the verb, yet they modify the subject of the sentence. To say, “This car is blue” is to say that “This is a blue car.”

Practice writing some sentences by placing adjectives in the predicate of the sentence. You may use the following list of adjectives or use your own.

**long    new    dirty    heavy    delicious    dangerous    cute    empty    smart**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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## <<<<<    COMPOUND ADJECTIVES    >>>>>

A compound adjective uses two or more words, joined by hyphens, used to describe a noun. They are not encountered often, but see how the unit of measure becomes singular when you make it a compound adjective? You may see such adjectives on tests of English.

Examples:

- This boat is ten feet long.
- This is a ten-foot boat.
- The baby weighed five kilograms.
- She was a five-kilogram baby.
- These shoes cost two hundred dollars.
- These are two-hundred-dollar shoes.

