

## ADJECTIVES

An adjective is a word that tells us something about a noun, that is, about a person, an animal, a thing or a place.

For example:

She is a *pretty* girl.

A giraffe has a *long* neck.

The table is *round*.

That is an *old* temple.

**There are various kinds of adjectives:**

1. An adjective which tells us about the quality of the noun.

Example: the *blue* sky, a *big* house, a *square* table, a *cold* morning.

2. An adjective which tells us about the quantity of the noun.

Example: The zoo has *many* animals.  
The pen has not *much* ink left.

3. An adjective which tells us about the ownership of the noun.

Example: That is *my* dog.  
Those are *their* bicycles.

4. An adjective which poses question in an 'interrogative' manner.

Example: *Which* school do you go to?  
*Whose* car is this?

5. An adjective which specifies a noun.

Example: *This* boy is a member of the club.  
*That* girl is my sister.

**Adjectives which end in '-ing',**

e.g. an interesting film, an amazing player, an annoying habit,

**Adjectives which end in '-ed,**

e.g. the damaged goods, the escaped prisoners, improved version,

### Comparison of adjectives

We use the *Positive degree* to compare *two equal nouns*.

For example: His house is *as big as* my house.

We use the *Comparative degree* to compare *two unequal nouns*.

For example: His house is *bigger than* my house.

We use the *Superlative degree* to compare *three or more Nouns*.

For example: His house is *the biggest* in the neighbourhood

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
bold	bolder	boldest
deep	deeper	deepest
near	nearer	nearest
rich	richer	richest
tall	taller	tallest
careful	more careful	most careful
enjoyable	more enjoyable	most enjoyable
forgetful	more forgetful	most forgetful
useful	more useful	most useful

wonderful	more wonderful	most wonderful
bad	worse	worst
good	better	best
little	less	least

### Exercise

**Pick the correct words in the brackets.**

1. My father is as (strong, stronger, strongest) as his father.
2. She is (pretty, prettier, prettiest) than her sister.
3. You are not as (tall, taller, tallest) as your brother.
4. That pond is the (shallow, shallower, shallowest) in this area.
5. That has to be the (interesting, more interesting, most interesting) film I have seen.
6. Which university offers (the good, the better, the best) degree courses?.
7. This clown is not as (funny, funnier, funniest) as the other one.
8. He is easily the (bad, worse, worst) player in the team.
9. The second half of the play was (little, less, the least) interesting.