

Adjective

A word that tells about a noun or a pronoun.

An adjective tells what kind, which one, how many, or how much.

An **adjective** is a word that describes a noun or pronoun. An adjective answers the question *What kind? Which one? How many? or How much?* about a noun or a pronoun. More than one adjective may be used to describe a noun or a pronoun.

EXAMPLES

What kind? We stayed in a **small beach** house.

Which one? I live in **that** house.

How many? We have lived in **five** states.

How much? He had **some** money.

Activity A Some of the adjectives in these sentences are in bold. Write the adjectives on your paper. Next to the adjective, write the noun that the adjective describes.

Example David bought an **expensive new** reel.

expensive new—reel

- 1) What a **fantastic summer** vacation they had at the lake!
- 2) We did not have **enough** time to do everything.
- 3) On the **first** day we were there, Vince caught a **huge** fish.
- 4) The **next** day, David hooked **three** trout.
- 5) At night, a **big black** bear came into **our** camp.

Activity B Rewrite these sentences on your paper. Add one or more adjectives before each noun in bold.

- 1) Students brought **books** to **class**.
- 2) **People** brought **food**.
- 3) **School** started early.
- 4) I saw **mountains** and **rivers**.
- 5) Diana planted **tomatoes** and **cucumbers**.

Most adjectives come before the noun that they are describing. Adjectives may, however, follow the noun for emphasis. Then, they are set off from the rest of the sentence with commas.

EXAMPLES

The **sleepy** child was crying.

The child, **sleepy and hungry**, was crying.

Predicate adjective

An adjective that follows a linking verb and tells about the subject.

A **predicate adjective** comes after the noun or pronoun it describes.

EXAMPLES

He was **sleepy and hungry**.

They seem **happy**.

Activity C Find the adjectives in these sentences. Write them on your paper. Beside each adjective, write the noun or pronoun that the adjective describes.

- 1) The lake was beautiful on that morning.
- 2) The water was clear and cool.
- 3) David saw a large fish jump out of the sparkling water.
- 4) Vince used a trusty old rod.
- 5) The boys fished for eight hours.
- 6) For a long time, nothing happened.
- 7) They remained hopeful.
- 8) By late afternoon, they had caught many fish.
- 9) They were tired but happy with themselves.
- 10) Vince told funny stories as they rode home.