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Adjectives describe nouns or pronouns.

- An **adjective** can tell what kind, which one, or how many.

which one what kind

*Did you see **that large spotted** cow?*

how many what kind

***Three white** swans swam in the lake.*

how many what kind

*She put **several purple** flowers in the vase.*

- **Demonstrative adjectives** point out a specific person, place, or thing.

***This** book belongs to me.*

*I checked out **that** book from the library.*

***These** girls are my friends.*

*I don't know **those** people.*

Adjectives

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A Fill in the missing adjectives to tell what kind and how many.

1. _____ birds were searching for
(how many) (what kind)

_____ worms to eat.
(what kind)

2. _____ trucks travel along
(how many) (what kind)

the _____ highway.
(what kind)

3. The _____ boy is hurrying along the _____ sidewalk
(what kind) (what kind)

to buy _____ apples
(how many) (what kind) (what kind)

for a snack.

B Write a sentence about a man and his pets, using adjectives to describe how many and what kind. Underline the adjectives.

Name _____

Demonstrative Adjectives



A Fill in each blank with the correct demonstrative adjective.

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1. Who are _____ people standing by the fence?
2. Why is _____ dog digging in the backyard?
3. _____ slice of pie is delicious.
4. Mrs. Davis lives in _____ old green house on First Street.
5. Will you help me put _____ toys away right now?
6. _____ is the hardest homework I've had all year.

B Write a sentence using each of the demonstrative adjectives above.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Name _____

Locate the Adjectives

Circle all the adjectives in the paragraph.

P.T. Barnum has been called the "Greatest Showman on Earth." Before forming his famous circus, Barnum entertained in other ways. He charged curious people money to listen to the rambling stories of an old woman. He claimed the chatty lady was the former nanny of George Washington. He opened a fascinating museum that housed strange exhibits and showcased performers doing incredible feats. When his bizarre museum burned down, P.T. Barnum went on the road with his interesting curiosities. The Barnum Circus was born.

Adjectives can make comparisons.

- **Comparative**—Most adjectives add **er** to compare two nouns. Some adjectives with two or more syllables use **more** or **less**.

*Snakes are usually **longer** than worms.*

*Margo was **more graceful** than her sister.*

- **Superlative**—Most adjectives add **est** to compare three or more nouns. Some adjectives with two or more syllables use **most** or **least**.

*That car is the **noisiest** vehicle on the block.*

*Steve was the **most excited** player at the awards ceremony.*

Comparative & Superlative Adjectives

Find Comparisons



Read the paragraphs below. Write a **C** above all comparative adjectives. Write an **S** above relative adjectives.

Jesse Owens was one of the greatest athletes this world has ever seen. His performance in track-and-field events left his fans most excited. In the 1935-1936 season, there were no faster runners or higher jumpers to be found. Jesse Owens broke three world records that year. For many of his competitors in the 1936 Olympics, Jesse Owens was the most feared. They were right to think Jesse Owens was the best athlete. He came away from the games with four gold medals!

The Colorado Rockies can experience the most abrupt weather changes. The hottest and driest summer day can be followed by a cold evening of snow. Thunderstorms, with thunder louder than an explosion, can appear quite suddenly. The heaviest rain shower can yield to the brightest rays of sunlight and the prettiest rainbow in minutes. Residents of the Rockies are always ready for the best and the worst weather conditions!

Make Comparisons

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Write the correct adjective in each sentence. Add **er**, **est**, **more**, or **most**. When you are finished, go back and write a **C** over every comparative adjective and an **S** over every superlative adjective. Remember that comparative adjectives compare two nouns; superlative adjectives compare three or more nouns.

Mark is _____ than Steve.
(tall)

That is the _____ story I've ever heard.
(funny)

Lee was the _____ person at camp.
(homesick)

The mall is the _____ place in town every Saturday afternoon.
(busy)

My grandfather is the _____ person I know.
(kind)

It is _____ in the house than in the garage.
(warm)

You need to be _____ when you play with a baby than with someone your own age.
(careful)

Mrs. Gee is the _____ person in town.
(old)

Name _____

Write with Comparisons



Use the following adjectives in sentences of your own.

happy happier happiest

fascinating more fascinating most fascinating

quiet quieter quietest
