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# An Introduction to Adjectives

STUDY NOTES **Adjective**: An adjective is a word used to describe a noun.

Eg. Raman was a **brave** boy.

A week has **seven** days.

### There are 8 kind of adjectives:

1. **Adjective of Quality:** An Adjective of Quality describes an object by telling of what quality, of what sort or in what state the object is. Eg. It was a **golden** opportunity.

Ramu is a lazy boy.

I like the **Turkish** tobacco.

Some such adjectives as English, Turkish, etc which are formed from Proper Nouns are called **Proper Adjectives**.

2. **Adjective of Quantity:** An Adjective of Quantity qualifies a noun by showing the quantity of the thing named. They tell us how much of a thing is intended.

Eg. He ate **some** rice.

He did not drink **much** milk.

 Adjective of Number: An Adjective of Number denotes the number of persons or things named. They show how many or in what order persons or things are taken. Eg. A week has seven days.

**Few** boys like to work hard.

An Adjective of Number is sub-divided into two main clauses:

a. Definite Numeral Adjective: It denotes an exact number. Those which show how many things there are, are called **Cardinals**.

## Eg. One, two, three etc

Those which show in what order a thing stands are called **Ordinals**.

### Eg. First, second, third, fourth etc

b. Indefinite Numeral Adjective: It denotes a number of some kind but does not show an exact number.

### Eg. All, some, no, many, few, most, several, sundry etc

- 4. **Demonstrative Adjective:** Demonstrative Adjectives point out which persons or things are meant.
  - Eg. **This** man is braver than Shyam. **That** boy is lazy.
- 5. **Distributive Adjective:** A Distributive Adjective denotes that the persons or things named in the sentence are taken singly, separately or in separate lots.
  - Eg. **Each** man had three sons.

**Every** day has its task.

Either pen will do.

He took neither side.

- 6. **Interrogative Adjective:** An Interrogative Adjective is used with nouns to ask questions.
  - Eg. Which road leads to the station?
    What kind of man is he?
    Whose pen is this?
- 7. **Emphasizing Adjective:** An Emphasizing Adjective lays stress on a noun.
  - Eg. I saw it with my **own** eyes.

    This is the **very** man who killed the snake.
- 8. **Exclamatory Adjective:** What is sometimes used as an exclamatory adjective.
  - Eg. What luck!
    What a piece of work is man!

## Adjectives used as Nouns

Adjectives are sometimes used as Nouns; as,

1. Certain Adjectives, preceded by the, can be used as Nouns in the plural sense:

### Eg. The rich, the righteous, the wicked, the blind, the lame etc

- 2. Some adjectives, preceded by the denote some abstract quality:
  - Eg. He admires **the good**.

    He is a lover of **the beautiful**.

    The future is **uncertain**.
- 3. Some adjectives actually become nouns and can be used as both singular and plural:

### Eg. Junior, juniors; senior, seniors; mortal, mortals etc

- 4. In certain phrases and idioms, the adjectives are used as nouns:
  - Eg. He has left the city for **good**.

    I will stand by you through **thick and thin**.

It is common in spoken and informal English for speakers to use adjectives, such as *good*, in place of adverbs, such as *well* to modify verbs.

With an Adjective	With an Adverb
Chetan writes good.	Chetan writes well.
You need to drive <b>slow</b> in a school zone.	You need to drive <b>slowly</b> in a school zone.

- QI. In each of the following sentences, there is an underlined part that may be grammatically incorrect. Choose the appropriate option that may be the correct replacement. If the line is without any grammatical mistake, then the answer will be No Improvement.
  - 1. Highway construction involves a great deal of planning, <u>as it can be</u> quite unpredictably.
  - a. as it can be unpredictably.
  - b. as it can be very unpredictably.
  - c. as it can be quite unpredictable.
  - d. No Improvement

d. No Improvement		
6. Bring me some water to drink and some food to eat.		
a. some water to drink and any food to eat.		
b. any water to drink and some food to eat.		
c. some of the water to drink and some food to eat.		
d. No Improvement		
7. I did not find some boys there.		
a. any boys		

8. She <u>felt badly</u> as she did not have any water to drink.

any of the boy

No Improvement

felt badened

felt badder

No Improvement

I cook the badest.

I cook badest.

I cook badly.

No Improvement

9. I felt bad when he told me I cook bad.

felt bad

any boy

b.

C.

d.

a.

b.

C.

d.

a.

b.

C.

d.

	a.	dozen of cow.
	b.	dozens of cows.
	c.	dozen cows.
	d.	No Improvement
11.		This book is much interesting.
	a.	much of interesting.
	b.	very interesting.
	C.	most interesting.
	d.	No Improvement
12.		Whole Punjab mourns his loss.
	a.	Whole of Punjab
	b.	The whole of Punjab
	c.	Whole of the Punjab
	d.	No Improvement
13.		My all books are lost and now I do not have anything to read.
	a.	My few books
	b.	All my books
	c.	My some books
	d.	No Improvement

10.

He has a dozen of cows.

- 14. Always speak truth.
  - a. some truth.
  - b. the truth.
  - c. most truth.
  - d. No Improvement
- 15. Until you completely comprehend the message of the author's first novel, you will not appreciate the equal poignant sequel.
  - a. you will not appreciate the equal to poignant sequel.
  - b. you will not appreciate the equivalent poignant sequel.
  - c. you will not appreciate the equally poignant sequel.
  - d. No Improvement
- 16. Ishita says that she shall not buy some sweets.
  - a. any sweet.
  - b. most sweets.
  - c. any sweets.
  - d. No Improvement
- 17. The teacher gave her any book.
  - a. any book
  - b. some books
  - c. any books
  - d. No Improvement
- 18. Intelligence is a trait that is actually quite difficult to measure, despite much different attempts to do so.
  - a. despite momentous different attempts to do so.
  - b. despite most different attempts to do so.
  - c. despite many different attempts to do so.
  - d. No Improvement
- 19. Under normal circumstances, the family would have never driven up to the frighteningly looking motel.
  - a. to the frightend looking motel.
  - b. to the frightening looking motel.
  - c. to the frighteningly looking motel.
  - d. No Improvement
- 20. Few people will ever remember too many detail from their early childhood.
  - a. too details
  - b. too much detail
  - c. too much details
  - d. No Improvement

### **Answers**

1. c

Highway construction involves a great deal of planning, as it can be quite unpredictable.

2. a

This is a sight worth seeing after traveling for three hours.

3. c.

After she returned from the three-week vacation, she looked very good.

4. d

The strawberry shortcake tastes delicious.

5. d

The rose smells sweet and looks beautiful.

6. d

Bring me some water to drink and some food to eat.

7. c.

I did not find some boys there.

8. c

She felt bad as she did not have any water to drink.

9. с

I felt bad when he told me I cook badly.

10. c

He has a dozen cows.

11. b.

This book is very interesting.

12. b.

The whole of Punjab mourns his loss.

13. b.

All my books are lost and now I do not have anything to read.

14. b.

Always speak the truth.

15. c

Until you completely comprehend the message of the author's first novel, you will not appreciate the equally poignant sequel.

16. a

Ishita says that she shall not buy any sweet.

17. b.

The teacher gave her some books.

18. c

Intelligence is a trait that is actually quite difficult to measure, despite many different attempts to do so.

19. b.

Under normal circumstances, the family would have never driven up to the frightening looking motel.

20. c.

Few people will ever remember too much detail from their early childhood.



### **BANKING**

SBI PO | IBPS PO | RBI GRADE B | IBPS CLERK | IBPS SO | NABARD | SBI CLERK | SIDBI RBI ASSISTANT | IPPB OFFICER | IBPS RRB OFFICER | IBPS RRB ASSISTANT |

DENA BANK PO | BOB MANIPAL | BOM MANIPAL | SYNDICATE BANK PO | IDBI BANK PO

### SSC

SSC CGL | SSC CHSL | SSC MTS | SSC STENOGRAPHER | SSC CPO | SSE JE | SSC GD

### OTHER GOVERNMENT EXAM

WBCS | LIC AAO | UIIC AO | RAILWAYS RRB | LIC HFL | UIIC Assistant | NICL Assistant | OICL AO | NICL AO | NIACL AO | IRDAI | IB ACIO | NIACL Assistant











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