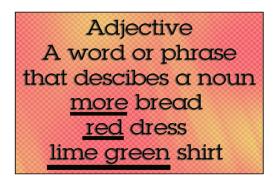


Introduction and appropriate use of adjectives

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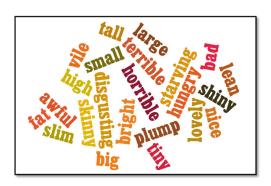
Adjectives are describing words that are usually used with nouns. They generally give more information about the noun. Using adjectives gives your writing or communication flair, making even a dull sentence seem interesting and full of life. A native English speaker can make use of adjectives naturally; however, for an English learner, it is important to understand where to use what adjective and where to avoid overusing them.



Examples:

- 1. A rugged box lay in front of my door on a dark Sunday morning.
- 2. My grandmother knits incredibly well.
- 3. What a beautiful daughter you've got!

All the highlighted words in the above-mentioned examples are adjectives. Read them slowly and notice how each and every adjective is being used to tell you something more about the noun. In simpler words, an adjective, when used correctly, paints a mental picture for the reader or listener. Therefore, the English language relies quite a bit on these descriptive words.



Tips For Using Adjectives For Learners:

1. You can make use of two or more adjectives together. This assists you in describing the noun further in detail.

Example: The fat black furry cat sat on the rusted window sill.

2. As and when you're using more than one descriptive adjective, there is a generally accepted order that you should keep in mind; size- age- shape- color- nationality.

Example: Jacob was a thin, young, Indian boy.

3. Adjectives that state general opinions should ideally be placed before adjectives stating specific opinions.

Example: The attractive, brilliant singer was someone I knew back in my nascent years.

4. When writing similar adjectives, you need to separate each word with a comma.

Example: Saturday was a dull, gloomy day.

5. If the adjectives have different meanings, you do not need to use a comma.

Example: Saturday was a dull busy day.

6. There are some nouns that can be changed into an adjective by simply adding a suffix. Some of the common suffixes include –ly, -ic, -like, -ish, -al.

Example:

Danger- Dangerous Love- Lovely Child- Childish Nation- National

Acid- Acidic

Making use of the right set of adjectives is an art that requires practice to be mastered. Just because you're unsure, don't hesitate in using adjectives as they make the conversation vibrant and lively; drawing you the complete picture of the sentence.



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As an English learner, it is important to learn grammar, but understand the fact that getting too deeply into it could get you all the more confused as well. You should ideally begin with <u>learning English</u> just the basics as that is what really matters when it comes to English communication skills. You can also consider taking an English lesson online to help develop your understanding of the language as well as brush up and polish your spoken English communication skills professionally.

Conclusion:

English is a simple language to learn; embrace it, practice it, live it! That's when you will notice the difference it makes in

your daily life, not only professionally but also personally.

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