

Adjectives:

An **adjective** modifies (describes) a noun or pronoun.

For example A poetry book can be very **inspiring**.

Normally in English, the adjective comes before the noun. For example: The **smart** student earned an "A".

They also come after linking verbs. For example: I feel happy.

1. Adjectives can be used to make comparisons.

- For most adjectives of one or two syllables, you can add –er. For example, greater, faster, stronger.
- For adjectives longer than two syllables, you should use the word more.

For example, He was more intelligent than his brother was.

2. Adjectives can also be used as superlatives.

- This is usually done by adding –est to the end of an adjective that is one or two syllables.

For example, the loudest, the coolest, the smartest.

- If an adjective is three syllables or longer, you must use the words the most. For example, Tom is the most intelligent student.

WARNING- Never use both an –er ending and the word more or an –est ending and the word most.

- ☒ For example, I am the **most happiest** when my students learn.
- ✓ Instead, it should be: I am the **happiest** when my students learn.

There are some regular adjective forms. For example:

Adjective	Comparing two	Superlative
Tall	Taller	tallest
Fat	Fatter	Fattest
Sad	Sadder	saddest
Happy	happier	happiest
Simple	simpler	simplest
important	More important	Most important
expensive	More expensive	Most expensive
Difficult	More difficult	Most difficult

*** If the final letter is consonant preceded by a vowel then it is doubled**

There are some irregular adjective and adverb forms. For example:

Adjective	Adverb	Comparing two	Comparing three or more
Bad	badly	Worse	worst
Good	Well	Better	Best
Little		Less	Least
Much	Many	More	Most

Punctuation Note: Adjectives are not usually capitalized unless they are the first word in a sentence. BUT, nationalities are also adjectives and should be capitalized.

For example: Messi is **Argentinian** and Ronaldo is **Portuguese**.

These are called proper adjectives. And, like proper nouns, **proper adjectives** are always capitalized in English. They are derived from proper nouns and are words like: African-American, Vietnamese, Latino, Italian, Japanese, Korean, etc.

When they are used together, they are arranged in a certain order.

Determiner*	Opinion	Size	Age	Color	Origin	Material	Noun
The, This, Some	Pretty, Tall	Big, Thin	New, Old	Blue, Purple	Italian	Leather, Wood	Sofa
My	Expensive	Small	Ancient	Black	Chinese	Silk	Scarf

For Example: **I saw that tall, thin, old, blue silk scarf at the store and I bought it.**

For Example: **Tom drives an expensive old Italian car.**