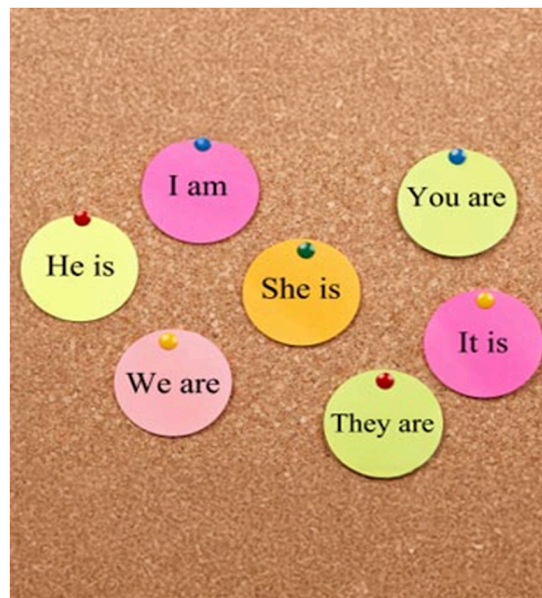


English Grammar

STUDY NOTES

Adjective (II)



Rules for using adjectives

Adjectives must follow certain rules in sentence structure and usage:

1. Order of Adjectives

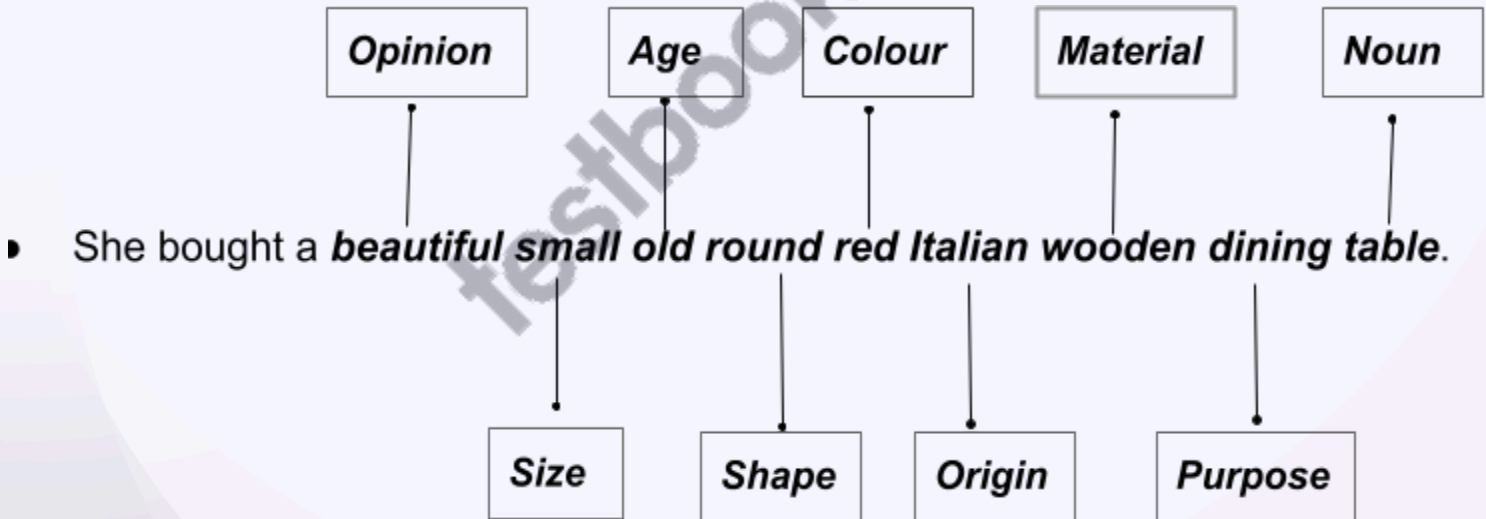
When multiple **adjectives** describe a single noun used in a sentence, they need to follow a certain order.

The order is as follows:

- **Opinion** → **Size** → **Age** → **Shape** → **Color** → **Origin** → **Material** → **Purpose** → **Noun**

Example:

- She bought a *beautiful small old round red Italian wooden dining table*.



Explanation: The **adjectives** are placed in a specific sequence, following the rules of English grammar.

2. Position of Adjectives

Adjectives usually position themselves before the nouns they modify. Having said that, some **adjectives** do appear after the noun when a verb separates them.

Examples:

- The **tall building (noun)** is on fire. (**before the noun**)
- The building (noun) is **tall**. (**after the noun due to the verb "is"**)

3. Adjectives with Articles

Articles like **A**, **And**, and **The** will always come before the **adjective** when **adjective** and noun are both used in a sentence.

Examples:

- Seema is an **intelligent (adj.)** girl (**noun**)
- The **beautiful (adj.)** scenery (**noun**) amazed us all.

Exam- oriented questions based on the above rules:

Order of Adjectives

Incorrect: She bought a red old beautiful small Italian round wooden dining table.

Correct: She bought a beautiful small old round red Italian wooden dining table.

Explanation: Adjectives follow a specific order: Opinion (beautiful) → Size (small) → Age (old) → Shape (round) → Color (red) → Origin (Italian) → Material (wooden) → Purpose (dining) → Noun (table).

Position of Adjectives

Incorrect: The building tall is visible from here.

Correct: The tall building is visible from here.

Explanation: Adjectives typically appear before the nouns they modify, so "tall" should precede "building" when there is no verb separating them.

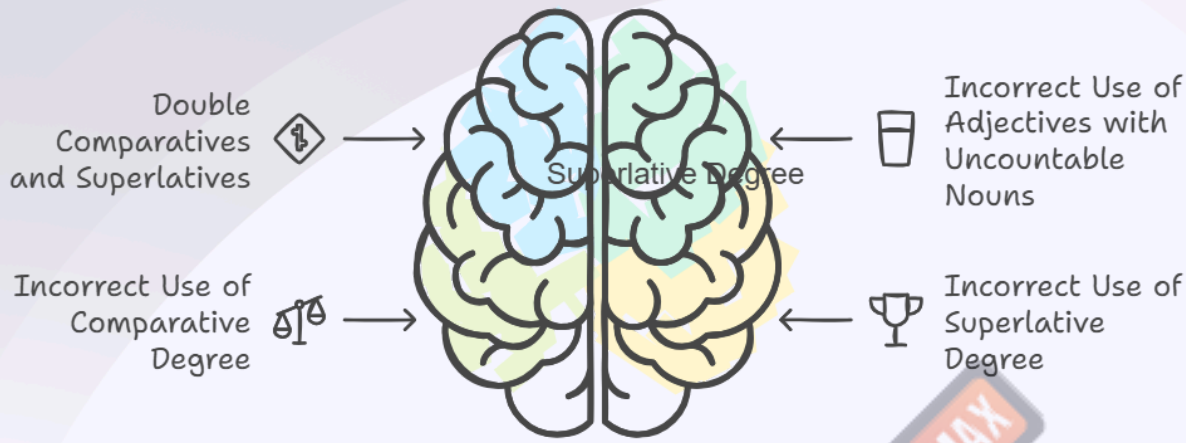
Adjectives with Articles

Incorrect: Seema is intelligent girl.

Correct: Seema is an intelligent girl.

Explanation: When using an adjective and noun together, an article like "an" is required before the adjective "intelligent" to complete the phrase correctly.

Common Errors with Adjectives



1. Double Comparatives and Superlatives

Always try to avoid using **double comparisons** (e.g., using both "more" and the -er form together).

Incorrect: Seema is *more taller* than her sister.

Correct: She is *taller* than her sister.

2. Incorrect Use of Adjectives with Uncountable Nouns

Adjectives like: *many*, *several*, *few* are used with countable nouns.

Adjectives like: *little*, *much* are used with uncountable nouns.

Incorrect: There are *many milk* in the bottle.

Correct: There is *much milk* in the bottle.

3. Incorrect Use of Comparative Degree

When there is a comparison between two nouns, always use the comparative degree.

Incorrect: She is *the most beautiful* of the two girls.

Correct: She is *more beautiful* than the other girl.

4. Incorrect Use of Superlative Degree

The **superlative degree** is used when comparing a minimum of three or more items. It is usually preceded by **The**.

Incorrect: This is *biggest* building in the city.

Correct: This is *the* biggest house in the city.

Exercise for practice

1. Fill in the Blanks:

A. This is the _____ (tall) tower in the city. (*superlative*)

B. Seema is _____ (good) than her sister in math. (*comparative*)

Solutions:

1(A): tallest will be the correct answer.

The sentence gives us an idea where no other tower in the city comes even close to the size of this tower (mentioned in the sentence).

Hence, the superlative form of **tall** is the right answer for this question.

1(B): The comparative form of **good** will be used making **better** the right answer for this question.

The sentence talks about how Seema's handwriting is better than that of her sister's. We see a direct comparison of a similar quality is being made in the sentence.

Hence, **better** is the right answer in this question.

2. Identify the Error:

- A. There is no doubt that he is the more cleverer of the two.
- B. Seema has little friends in the class.

Solutions:

2(A): We can't use "**the**" in this sentence as this sentence talks about a comparison between two persons.

2(B): We can't use little in this sentence as little is used in cases of uncountable nouns. Friends being a countable noun makes the use of little incorrect. Replacing it with **a few** will make the sentence correct.

3. Correct the Sentences: *(Try it yourself)*

- This is the more interestingest book Raju has ever read.
- There are much mangoes in the basket.
- The soup tastes more better when it's hot.
- This is the most quickest route to the station.
- He is the tallest of the two brothers.