

# Grammar

## Chapter 3- Adjectives

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**Exercise 1** Underline the adjectives and say whether they have been used predicatively or attributively. (First five are done for you. Rest try yourself)

1. There was heavy damage to buildings in that area.

Ans. heavy - attributively

2. Gauri called several times.

Ans. several - attributively

3. The children were excited about the picnic.

Ans. excited - predicatively

4. Mani was absent last week.

Ans. absent - predicatively

5. Kolkata is a large city.

Ans. large - attributively

6. The wise man waited patiently.

7. The first prize was taken by a young child.

8. The last train leaves at 11:30 p.m.

9. Some dreams often seem real.

10. This book is a good read.

**Exercise 2** Write the comparative and superlative forms of the following adjectives. (try out the words yourself which are not solved)

| positive  | comparative | superlative |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Black     | blacker     | blackest    |
| Unjust    | more unjust | most unjust |
| Lazy      | lazier      | laziest     |
| Tired     | more tired  | most tired  |
| Wonderful |             |             |
| Brilliant |             |             |
| Little    | less        | least       |
| Few       |             |             |
| Handsome  |             |             |
| Cute      | cuter       | cutest      |
| bright    |             |             |

**Exercise 3** Fill in the blanks with the right form of the adjectives given in brackets. (First six are done for you. Rest try yourself)

1. I have an elder sister. (old)
2. Let's discuss this at a later date. (late)
3. The poor woman once had a happier life. (happy)
4. The child is the youngest in the class. (young)
5. Please be honest when you answer. (honest)
6. This is the most expensive dress I have ever bought.  
(expensive)
7. He thinks he is the \_\_\_\_\_ boy in class. (intelligent)
8. Chirag has many \_\_\_\_\_ friends. (old)
9. June is the \_\_\_\_\_ month of the year in many parts of India. (hot)
10. Gold is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all metals. (precious)

**Exercise 4** Match column A with column B to show their common usage as adjectives. (First one is done for you. Rest try yourself)

| Column A  | Column B | adjectives |
|-----------|----------|------------|
| Love      | Book     | Love story |
| Guard     | Table    |            |
| Fairy     | Theatre  |            |
| Computer  | News     |            |
| Tomato    | Tale     |            |
| World     | Story    |            |
| Home      | Dog      |            |
| complaint | Ketchup  |            |

**Exercise 5** In the following sentences, identify the nouns acting as adjectives. (Answers are underlined.)

1. The boys threw stones at the street dog.
2. Fruit salad is a good way to start a meal.
3. A bowl of mother's chicken soup made me feel well again.
4. Crop cultivation techniques are improving every year.
5. Some of the school teachers are on strike.

**Exercise 6** Add -ly to these words and fill in the blanks. (First two are done for you. Rest try yourself)

sick      lone      friend      kind      love

1. 'What a lovely painting!' exclaimed the customer.
2. The man had a pale and sickly appearance.
3. I think Rita is a \_\_\_\_\_ person. She makes friends easily.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ old man would sit in the park and watch the children play.
5. The old man's \_\_\_\_\_ smile encouraged me.

**Exercise 7** Change the verbs in the box to participial adjectives and the fill in the blanks.

learn talk outrage snore laugh glide  
press bore fascinate fit excite interest  
bark creak depress worry miss

1. The snoring visitor kept the household awake.
  2. The barking dog next door alerted everybody and the thief was caught.
  3. The worried father looked here and there for his missing child.
  4. Hearing the unfair decision, the outraged jury resigned.
  5. Discipline is the most pressing need of our country.
  6. The principal is a learned woman.
  7. Coming home late, I tried to be quiet, but the creaking door woke mother.
  8. Gliding, I watched the birds make patterns in the sky.
  9. I have a talking parrot.
  10. People believe that the laughing Buddha makes an auspicious gift.
  11. That was a boring movie.
  12. The Oscar award was a fitting tribute to Satyajit Ray's years of devoted work.
  13. I felt depressing after our team's loss in the final.
  14. The very thought of going for an adventure camp is exciting.
  15. My grandmother used to tell me fascinating stories.
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