

ADJECTIVES

PART - II ENGLISH

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ADJECTIVES

DEFINITION:

- ◉ An Adjective is a part of speech which describes, identifies, or quantifies a noun or a pronoun
- ◉ Adjectives give information about size, shape, age, colour, origin or material

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ He was wearing a **blue** shirt
- ◉ There are **seven** rooms in the house

ADJECTIVES

- ◉ An adjective describes a noun or pronoun
- ◉ An Adjective answers:

What kind?

Which one?

How many?

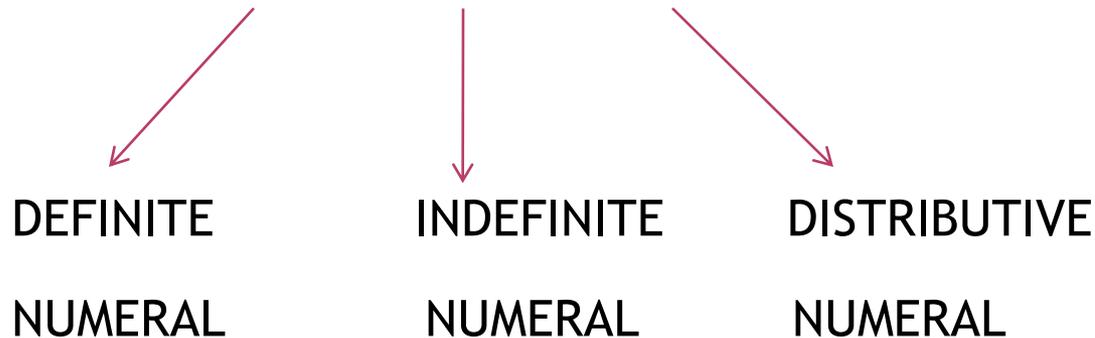
EXAMPLES:

- ◉ **HAPPY** dog
- ◉ **TIRED** girl
- ◉ **SEVEN** boys

KINDS OF ADJECTIVES

There are different kinds of adjectives

1. Adjectives of quality or Descriptive Adjectives
2. Adjectives of Quantity or Number



3. Demonstrative Adjectives
4. Possessive Adjectives and
5. Interrogative Adjectives

DESCRIPTIVE ADJECTIVES

- ◉ These adjectives are used to describe the nature of a noun
- ◉ They give an idea about the characteristics of the noun by answering the question ‘**what kind**’
- ◉ Honest, Kind, Large, Bulky, Beautiful, Ugly etc

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ New Delhi is a **large** city with many historical monuments
- ◉ Asraa is a **beautiful** girl

ADJECTIVES



young



old



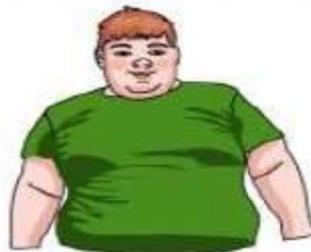
thin



soft



hard



fat



long



short

ADJECTIVES OF QUANTITY

- ◉ These adjectives help to show the amount or the approximate amount of the noun or pronoun
- ◉ These adjectives do not provide exact numbers; rather they tell us the amount of the noun in relative or whole terms
- ◉ All, Half, Many, Few, Little, No, Enough, Great etc

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ They have finished **most** of the rice
- ◉ **Many** people came to visit the fair

ADJECTIVES OF NUMBER

- ◉ These adjectives are used to show the number of nouns and their place in an order.
- ◉ There are three different sections within adjectives of number:
 1. **Definite Numeral Adjective**
 2. **Indefinite Numeral Adjective**
 3. **Distributive Numeral Adjective**

DEFINITE NUMERAL ADJECTIVE

- ◉ **Those which** clearly denote an exact number of nouns or the order of the noun
- ◉ One, Two, Twenty, Thirty-Three etc. also known as Cardinals
- ◉ First, Second, Third, Seventh etc. also known as Ordinals

INDEFINITE NUMERAL ADJECTIVE

- ◉ **Those adjectives** that do not give an exact numerical amount but just give a general idea of the amount
- ◉ Some, Many, Few, Any, Several, All etc

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ There were **many** people present at the meeting

DISTRIBUTIVE NUMERAL ADJECTIVE

- ◉ **Those** adjectives that are used to refer to individual nouns within the whole amount
- ◉ Either, Neither, Each, Another, Other etc

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ Taxes have to be paid by **every** employed citizen

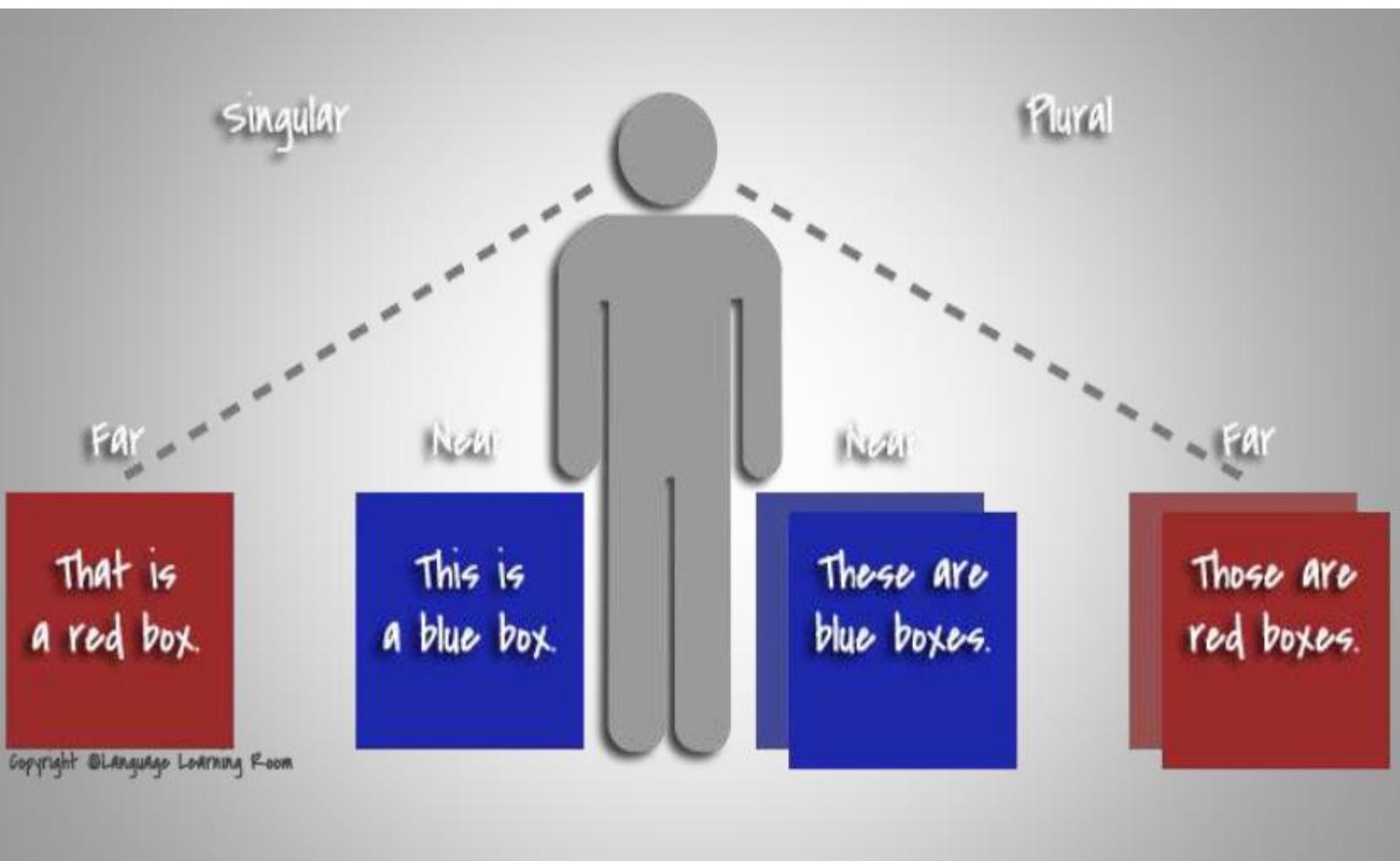
DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES

- ◉ These adjectives are used to point out or indicate a particular noun or pronoun using the adjectives - **This**, **That**, **These** and **Those**

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ **That** bag belongs to Neil
- ◉ Try using **this** paintbrush in art class
- ◉ I really like **those** shoes
- ◉ **These** flowers are lovely

DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES



POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES

- ◉ A possessive adjective expresses possession of a noun by someone or something.
- ◉ Possessive adjectives are the same as possessive pronouns

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ **My** car is very old.
- ◉ **Her** boyfriend is very friendly.
- ◉ **Our** dog is black.
- ◉ **Their** homework is on the table.

POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES



ALL THE POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVES ARE LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE

SINGULAR	PLURAL
My	Our
Your	Your
His	Their
Her	Their
its	their

INTERROGATIVE ADJECTIVES

- ◉ These adjectives are used to ask questions about nouns or in relation to nouns, they are - **Where, What, Which and Whose**

EXAMPLES:

- ◉ **Where** did he say he was going?
- ◉ **What** assignment did I miss out on?
- ◉ **Which** is your favorite author?