

1 Here's the Idea

An **adjective** modifies or limits the meaning of a noun or pronoun.

We saw the **famous** singer at the **legendary** Carnegie Hall.

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An adjective tells *what kind, which one, how many, or how much*.

Adjectives

What Kind	Which One	How Many	How Much
famous song	this star	one dollar	some music
squeaky noise	that way	three tenors	more room
green light	these words	several years	less energy

Articles

The most common adjectives are the articles *a*, *an*, and *the*. *A* and *an* are **indefinite articles** that refer to one of a general group of people, places, things, or ideas. Use *a* before words beginning with consonant sounds. Use *an* before words beginning with vowel sounds. *The* is the **definite article** that usually refers to a specific person, place, thing, or idea.

Articles

Indefinite	Definite
A student volunteered. Jessie brought an itinerary.	The teacher arrived. Phil borrowed the camera from her.

Proper Adjectives

Proper adjectives are formed from proper nouns. They are capitalized and often end in *-n*, *-an*, *-ian*, *-ese*, and *-ish*.

American artists perform in international countries.
Japanese crowds fill Yokohama Stadium.

Proper Nouns Proper Adjectives

Proper Nouns	Proper Adjectives
Portugal	Portuguese
Egypt	Egyptian
North America	North American