

# ADJECTIVES

Adjectives describe and precede the noun:

quick, positive, decisive, arrogant, nervous, secret, stupid, incorrect, good, bad...

- The *yellow* banana.
- *Good* night.
- *Merry* Christmas.

Adjectives can come after some verbs too (be, seem, appear, become, get, look, feel, sound, taste):

- I feel *good*. (I feel good/positive about how the interview went)
- I don't feel *well*. I feel *unwell*. (I feel sick)
- You look *wonderful* tonight.
- It tastes *great*.
- It sounds *awful*.
- The presentation was *terrible*.
- The child seems *scared*.
- Don't get *lost*!

Adjectives ending in *-ly*:

ugly, deadly, unfriendly, chilly, curly, elderly, lovely, silly, woolly, shapely, orderly...

- My boss is *ugly*.
- A *woolly* hat.
- It's a *lovely* day.
- She has *curly* hair.

Emphasising adjectives (to emphasise feelings): absolute, complete, total, mere, entire...

- The presentation was a *total* disaster.
- I felt a *complete* fool.
- This project was an *absolute* nightmare.
- We've wasted an *entire* day on this.
- It will take a *mere* 30 minutes of your time.

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