

LIMITING ADJECTIVES

What is a limiting adjective?

A limiting adjective is an adjective that modifies a noun or pronoun by restricting it rather than describing the qualities or traits of it.

4 Types of limiting adjectives

1. Demonstrative adjectives

Demonstrative adjectives do not describe nouns or pronouns. Instead, they are used to indicate relative physical location or moments in time.

Demonstrative adjectives are: this, that, these, those

Mini Exercise:

Identify the demonstrative adjectives in the following sentences:

- a. This milk glass here is mine, but that one is yours.
- b. These books are historical, but those over there are interesting.
- c. I can eat all of those sweets.

2. Interrogative adjectives

Interrogative adjectives limit a noun by asking a question about a specific person, place, or thing without describing it.

Interrogative adjectives are: whose, what, which

Mini Exercise:

Identify the interrogative adjectives in the following sentences:

- a. Which seat do you want to book for a movie?
- b. What did you eat at home?
- c. Whose shirt are you wearing?

3. Possessive adjectives

Possessive adjectives are limiting adjectives because they say who or what has ownership of something but doesn't actually describe the qualities or characteristics of a noun or pronoun.

Possessive adjectives are: my, your, his, her, its, our, their, and whose

Mini Exercise:

Fill in the blanks with the correct possessive adjective:

- a. Do they like _____ new flat? (she)
- b. Have you got _____ passport? (you)
- c. Have you met _____ teacher? (they)

4. Quantitative Adjectives

There are 3 different types of Quantitative Adjectives. These are: Definite Numeral, Indefinite Numeral, and Distributive Numeral.

a. Definite Numeral Adjectives

These adjectives are used to describe the quantities in exact numbers. Here, two different types of numbers such as cardinal or ordinal numbers are used.

Cardinal Number	Ordinal Number
One (1) Two (2) Three (3) So on and so forth	First (1st) Second (2nd) Third (3rd) Et cetera

Example Sentences:

1. Sheila has lifted a **50** kg rice bag with ease.
2. She has been standing here for **two** hours.
3. I have **15** years experience of driving a car.
4. Henry wanted to buy the latest **tenth** edition luxury car.
5. This was his **third** time winning this chess game.
6. A company has been ranked to **fourth** position in terms of earning revenue this year.

Mini Exercise:

Give 3 example sentences using Definite Numeral Adjectives.

b. Indefinite Numeral Adjectives

These adjectives don't indicate the exact numbers but show approximate assumptions.

Example Sentences:

All men are mortal.

No men were present.

Several men came.

Few men were rich.

The team needs **more** practice to win the upcoming match.

Ram spent his **whole** salary to buy a new laptop.

She has **many** types of dresses in her wardrobe.
Carlo forgot to buy **some** items from the groceries.

Mini Exercise:

Give 3 example sentences using Indefinite Numeral Adjectives.

c. Distributive Numeral Adjectives

Distributive Numeral Adjectives include each, every, either, and neither.

Example Sentences:

The teacher told **every** student to submit their assignments by today.

Either you study this or I will teach you.

Each of them shared their own experiences about their past life.

Neither of the two dresses fits me.

The manager behaves well with **every** employee.

Mini Exercise:

Give 3 example sentences using Distributive Numeral Adjectives.

I. Exercise

Identify the quantitative adjectives in the following sentences.

1. The 46th president of the United States is Joe Biden.
2. There are 50 boys and 26 girls on this tour.
3. The forest has 2120 animals.
4. The fourth boy became first in the final exam.
5. He has 40 horses.
6. I have been standing here for three hours.
7. Four girls were expelled from the school.
8. The first boy failed in the last exam.
9. Not a single boy is in the classroom.
10. He is doing it for the 66th time now.
11. He ate half of my burger.
12. Albert roasted some chicken for his teammates.
13. Ron has many pens in his large bag.
14. I do not have any chocolates in my bag.
15. I have sufficient money for shopping.
16. Most people are poor in this world.
17. John completed the whole task.
18. There is enough juice for my breakfast.

19. Little water is needed to make that pastry.
20. A few people are rich and they hold most of the wealth.