

LESSON 37

Adjectives

what? & which? & whose?

| Structure of adjectives | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Simple | green, happy, left |
| Derivative | helpful, international, unreasonable |
| Compound | red-hot, colour-blind, snow-white |

| Structure of adjectives | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Quality | soft, dark, long |
| Relative | wooden, daily, rural |

| Suffixes of adjective | | |
|-----------------------|-------------|--|
| -able | adorable | |
| -al | epochal | |
| -ant | pursuant | |
| -ary | documentary | |
| -ed | barbed | |
| -en | silken | |
| -ful | colourful | |
| -ible | accessible | |
| -ic | optimistic | |
| -ish | Scottish | |
| -ive | creative | |
| -less | lifeless | |
| -like | lifelike | |
| -ly | yearly | |
| -ous | courageous | |
| -y | funny | |

| Prefixes of adjective | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| un- | unguarded | |
| in- | incomplete | |
| il- | illegal | |
| im- | immoral | |
| ir- | irregular | |
| a- | atypical | |
| ab- | abnormal | |
| anti- | antisocial | |
| dis- | dissimilar | |
| non- | nonexistent | |
| bi- | bilingual | |
| inter- | international | |
| mono- | monosyllabic | |
| multi- | multifunctional | |
| post- | postmodern | |
| pre- | premature | |
| pro- | prospective | |
| semi- | semicircular | |
| sub- | subtropical | |

Degrees of Comparison of Adjectives in English

| Simple adjectives (-er, -est) | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Positive | Comparative | Superlative |
| fine | finer | (the) finest |
| big | bigger | (the) biggest |
| hot | hotter | (the) hottest |

| Derivative & Compound adjective (more, most) | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|
| Positive | Comparative | Superlative |
| beautiful | more beautiful | (the) most beautiful |
| effective | more effective | (the) most effective |
| dangerous | more dangerous | (the) most dangerous |

| Supplemental Forms | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Positive | Comparative | Superlative |
| good | better | (the) best |
| bad | worse | (the) worst |
| many | more | (the) most |
| little | less | (the) least |
| old | elder | eldest |
| far | further | (the) furthest |

Substantive adjectives

| | |
|---|--|
| The mysterious has always attracted people | |
| He behaves like a superior | |
| The sick often have no money for treatment | |
| My superiors cannot accept such conditions | |
| Marines have always been a pride of our fleet | |