



Grammar Disasters and Punctuation Faux Pas

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Adjective, Adverb, and Article Rules

A. Adjectives

- 1. Adjectives describe a noun or a pronoun. Adjectives tell: how many, how much, what kind, and which one.
 - 2. Adjectives can be found before or after nouns
 - 3. Adjectives give more information about a noun or pronoun. They tell how many, how much, what kind, and which one.
 - 4. Comparative adjectives compare two people or things. Look for the word than in sentences comparing two people or things.
 - 5. Superlative adjectives compare three or more people or things. Look for the word the in sentences comparing three or more people or things.
 - 6. Sometimes, irregular adjectives are used to compare things.
 - 7. An adjective clause functions as an adjective. It begins with a relative pronoun (who, whom, whose, that, which) and has a verb. The noun that the clause describes comes directly before the clause.

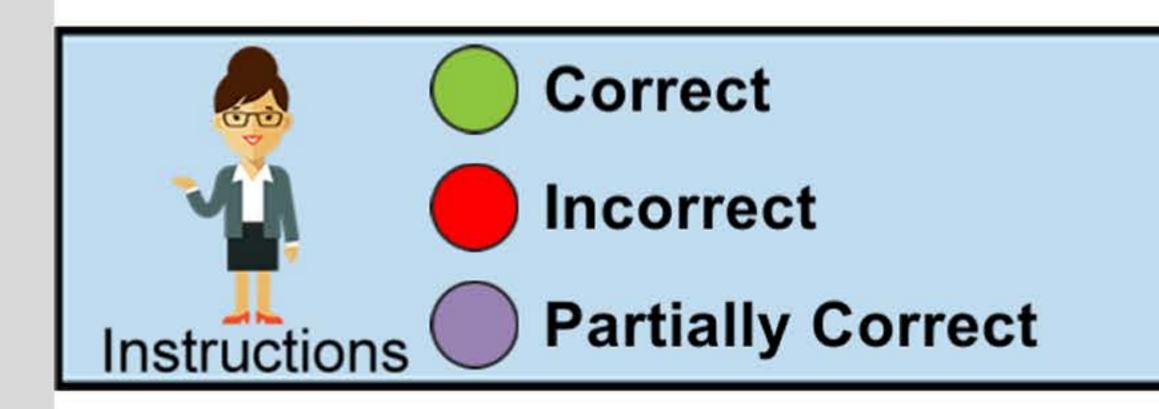


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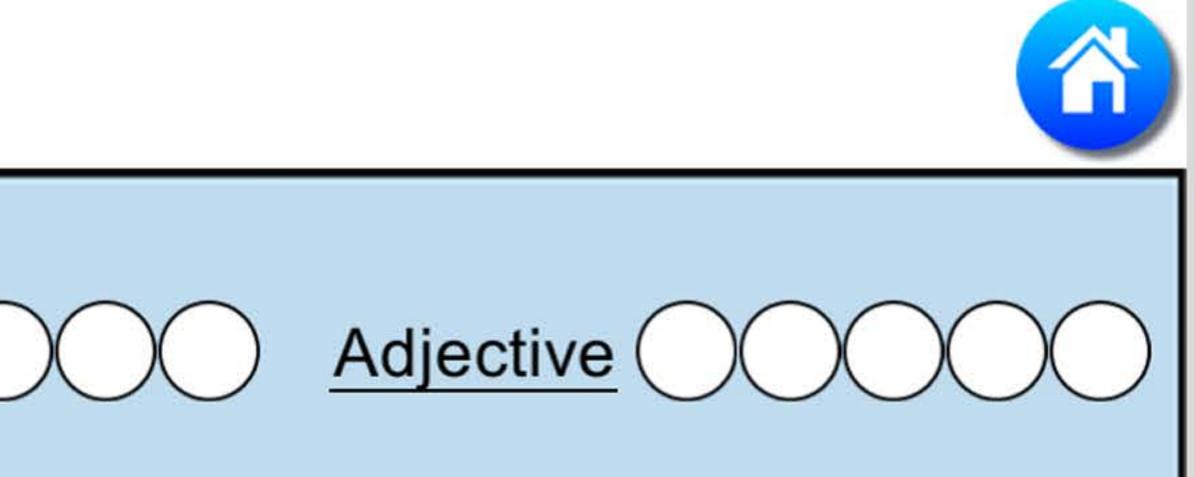
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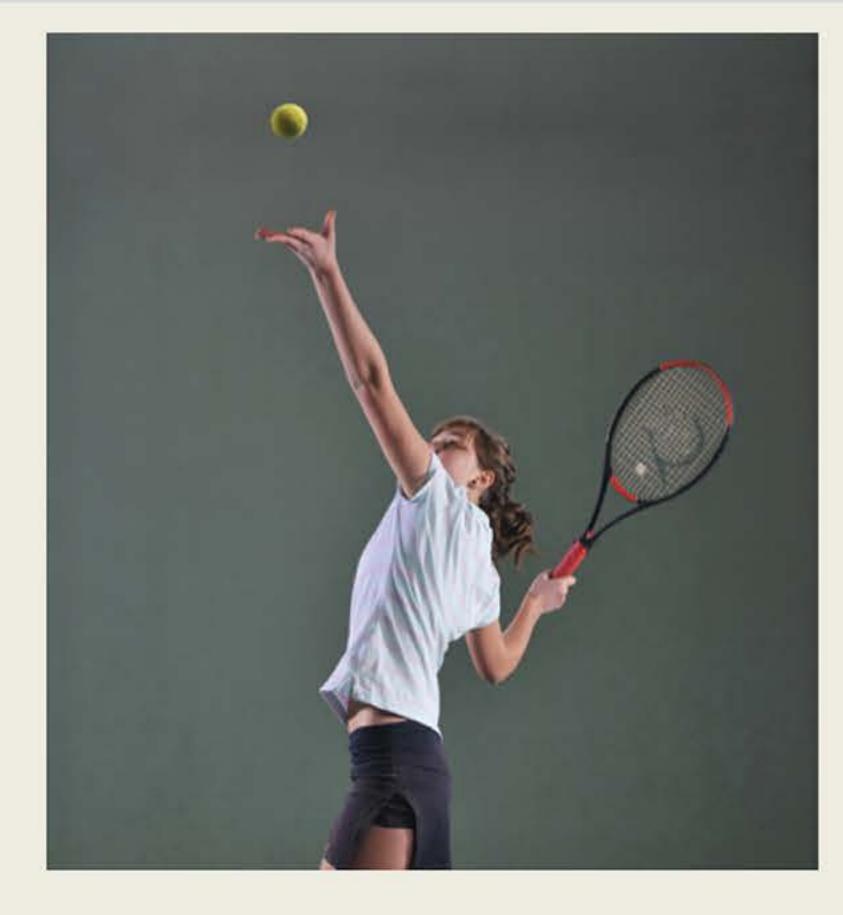
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- vowel sound.
- Use the article **the** when referring to someone or something specific.
- Use the article **a** before a word that begins with a consonant sound.
- Use the article **an** to make it clear you are describing any noun in general.