
COMMON NOUNS AND ADJECTIVES

Remember: (1) If you put a color before or after an adjective, you do not need a comma between the color and the other adjective. Also, it would sound nuts if you tried to put an *and* between pleasant and green.


A pleasant green monster- - -

(2) If you put a number in front of an adjective, you do not need a comma between the number and the other adjective. Also, it would sound nuts if you put an *and* between the words *two* and *long*.


Two long, difficult problems- - -

(3) Most of the time numbers and colors are adjectives.

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| Examples | the shiny, golden sun | a white puffy cloud |
| | a million glowing stars | the cloudy blue sky |

 1. On a separate sheet of paper make a list of six things that are found in the classroom. For example, books, blackboards, and things of that sort.

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| a. _____ | d. _____ |
| b. _____ | e. _____ |
| c. _____ | f. _____ |

 2. Use any of the adjectives listed below in front of the common nouns that you wrote for things found in the classroom. Put a number in front of the adjectives given below, or put a color in front or after the adjectives. You also may use one of the three articles **a**, **an**, or **the**.

Examples

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| the five sharp pencils- - - | four white papers- - - |
| a yellow notepad- - - | a large brown desk- - - |

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| shiny | long | thin | used | round |
| pointed | thick | dull | old | bent |
| rough-edged | sickening | interesting | wooden | wonderful |

You can see that it doesn't matter if the word ends in **ing**, **ed**, or **ful**, or if it is made up of two words with a hyphen, as in *rough-edged*. If the word appears right in front of a noun, and the word modifies, or describes or gives more information about the noun, the word is an adjective.