

Adjectives: the basics ★

Adjectives are words like *big*, *small*, *young*, *old*, *beautiful*...

1 Adjectives go before a noun (nearly always)



A big, strong man



A healthy young woman

2 Adjectives don't change



A young man
Two young women

No singular/plural, no masculine/feminine)

3 Adjectives go after the verb *be* (and other COPULAS)



They are nervous
The lion looks angry

More examples

They were ready, she will be happy, he was tall,

Other COPULAS

She seems happy, the leaves turned brown in autumn, he went mad, they looked pleased

See below for the meaning of words in CAPITALS.

Quick check

Put the word in brackets in the right place in each sentence:

- 1 It rained early on, but later it _____ was _____. (dry)
- 2 She was a _____ woman _____. (well-educated)
- 3 He is a _____ man _____. (happy)
- 4 She bought a new dress and it _____ looked _____. (nice)
- 5 We had a _____ flight _____. (bumpy)