**Adjective**

**Definition**

An adjective is a word which modifies a noun or a pronoun

**Forms of adjectives**

Adjectives have three different forms **;positive** , **comparative** ,and **superlative**.

1.The positive form is the base form of the adjective

E,g , she is tall / she is nice

e.g.2 The new student has arrived

2- the comparative form is used for comparing two persons or things ;it expresses a higher degree of some quality

e.g.1It is easier than the other test

e.g.2This lesson is more difficult than the previous lesson

3- the superlative form is used for comparing one person or thing with every other member of their group ; it expresses the highest degree.

E,g, the elephant is the heaviest animal on the earth .

These are the most important lessons .

III-The rule to form adjective

 Comparative

Short adjective long adjective

Adj + er +than more + adj+than

Amine is taller than Ahmed the book is more interesting than the film

 Superlative

Short adjective long adjective

Adj+est the +most +adj

He is the tallest boy in this class he is the most intelligent boy in this class

(the adjective sad ,big the consonant is doubled and ,’er’ is added sadder . bigger)

Note

Some adjective have irregular comparative and superlative form

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| adjective | comparative | superlative |
| good | Better than | The best |
| Bad  | Worse than | The worst |
| Many /much | more | The most |
| Little | less | The least |
| far | further | The furthest |
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Use of adjectives

Adjectives are used in two main ways; they can be Attributive adjective or predicative adjective.

Types of adjectives

There exist several types of adjectives namely

1Size ; large tall small

2-Age ; old new young ancient

3-Shape ; round square triangle

4-Colour ; pink yellow red

5-Origins ; Americans Algerian Chinese

6-materials ; plastic glass wooden

7-opinion ; nice ugly dirty

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