

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #4

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## FOCUS     Adjectives

An **adjective** modifies a proper noun, a common noun, or a pronoun and answers Which one? How many? or What kind?

## CONNECT TO WRITING

Adjectives usually are placed before nouns and pronouns. Whenever possible, use specific, rather than general adjectives. For example, adjectives such as *interesting*, *nice*, and *exciting* are general adjectives.

<b>Examples:</b>	<b>Type of Adjective</b>	<b>Too General</b>	<b>Specific</b>
	Which One?	<i>That</i> park	<i>That city</i> park
	How Many?	had <i>some</i> playgrounds	had <i>two</i> playgrounds
	What Kind?	<i>swimming</i> pools.	<i>huge swimming</i> pools.

## PRACTICE

Sort the following *italicized* adjectives into the correct columns:

*twenty-story* building, *most* sports, *juicier* hamburgers, *these* games, *that* bright color, a *dozen* flowers, the *muddy* Missouri River, *few* announcements, *this* idea, *those* desserts, *navel* orange, *thousands* of islands, *spicy* pizza, *certain* groups, *loud* rap music

Which One?	How Many?	What Kind?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## WRITE

Compose three sentences, using an adjective from each category. Use none of the adjectives listed on this worksheet. Be as specific as possible.

Which One? \_\_\_\_\_

How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

What Kind? \_\_\_\_\_

# Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet Answers

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #1 Practice Answers

John Francis, Beatrice, Nebraska, World War II, Chicago, *Southwestern Chief*, Los Angeles, Grand Central Station, John, Jane, Blix Hardware, Western Avenue, South Hollywood, John, Fort Ord, Army Band, Staff Sergeant, United States, John, John, University of Southern California, G.I. Bill, Cum Laude, Business, Social Science, Southern California, Janice Jones, California Federal Savings and Loan, Senior Vice-President, Mark, Robin

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #2 Practice Answers

idea: friendship, self-image, freedom, self-confidence, world peace  
person: teacher, fire-fighter, cousin, police officer, brother-in-law  
place: mountain, neighborhood, country, football stadium, family room  
thing: food, toy, rock, lamp stand, grandfather clock

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #3 Practice Answers

“Hello,” said Susan.  
“Is this the owner of the car for sale?” the caller asks.  
“It, is I,” replies Susan. “Who is calling?”  
“The one paying you full price for your car. My name is Marcy. What’s yours?”  
“Susan,” she says. “But let me get my husband. Actually, he is selling his car, not mine.  
“Suit yourself, says Marcy. Put him on the phone.”

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #4 Practice Answers

Which One? these, that, this, those, certain  
How Many? twenty-story, most, dozen, few, thousands  
What Kind? juicier, muddy, navel, spicy, loud

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #5 Practice Answers

I know (mental) that he had run (physical) a full mile before, but he might be (state of being) too tired right now. He did walk (physical) a mile yesterday.

## Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #6 Practice Answers

What Degree: mostly, less, mainly  
How: slowly, carefully, easily  
Where: everywhere, nearby, here  
When: often, one o’clock, later