**Unit Eight /** **Parts of Speech (Adjectives** / **Adverbs)**

**5. Adjective –** a part of speech is used tomodify or describe a noun. These words

ascribe an attribute to the noun being modified.

**e.g.** The **sleepy** bear hibernated all winter.

It's a **long** drive, but it's worth the trip.

Should I buy the **blue** jeans or **purple** sweater?

There are **three degrees** of adjectives: Positive, comparative, superlative. These degrees are applicable only for the descriptive adjectives.

**Types of Adjectives**

**a. A descriptive adjective –** is a word which describes nouns and pronouns. Most of the adjectives belong in this type**.** These adjectives provide information and attribute to the nouns/pronouns they modify or describe. Descriptive adjectives are also called qualitative adjectives**.**

**Examples:** I havea **fast** car**.** I saw a **flying** Eagle**.** The **hungry** cats are crying**.**

**b. Quantitative Adjectives –** A quantitative adjective provides information about the quantity of the nouns / pronouns. This type belongs to the question category of ‘how much’ and ‘how many’.

**Examples:** I have **20** bucks in my wallet**. (How much)**

They have **three** children**. (How many)**

You should have completed the **whole** task**. (How much)**

**c. Demonstrative Adjectives –** A demonstrative adjective directly refers to something or someone. Demonstrative adjectives include the words: this, that, these, those.

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**d. Possessive Adjectives –** A possessive adjective indicates possession or ownership. It suggests the belongingness of something to someone/something.

Some of the most used possessive adjectives are **my**, **his**, **her**, **our**, t**heir**, **your**.

All these adjectives always **come before a noun**. Unlike possessive pronouns, these words demand a noun after them.

Examples: **My** car is parked outside. **His** cat is very cute. **Our** job is almost done.

**e.** **Compound Adjectives:** When compound nouns/combined words modify other nouns, they become a compound adjective. This type of adjective usually combines more than one word into a single lexical unit and modifies a noun. They are often separated by a hyphen or joined together by a quotation mark.

**6. Adverbs –** a part of speech is used to modify or describe a verb, adjective or another

adverb or word group. This modification can provide information

relating to time, place, manner, cause, degree, or circumstance.

**Adverbs** are usually formed by adding the suffix (**-ly**) at the end of adjectives**:**

slow ……. slowly / sharp……sharply / quick ……quickly

**There are irregular of adverbs –**

fast……. fast / hard ……hard / good …...well / clean……clean

**e.g.** Joe **grumpily** got out of bed. (adverb modifies a **verb**)

Sara ran **very** quickly to school. (**adverb** modifies another adverb)

That's **quite** expensive, don't you think? (adverb modifies an adjective)

**There are different types of adverbs:**

a. **Adverbs of Frequency** – always / often / sometimes / never / ever / hardly ever /

frequently / generally / rarely / seldom / occasionally /

usually / ……….

b. **Adverbs of Manner** – beautifully / carefully / greedily / kindly / quickly / roughly /

slowly / sharply / smoothly / fast / hard / well / ……. etc.,

c. **Adverbs of Place** – above / here / there / outside / behind / over there / underneath /

upward ……. etc.,

d. **Adverbs of Time** – ago / yesterday / tomorrow / ……… etc.,

e. **Adverbs of degree** – too / very / enough / extremely / ……… etc.,

**Note /** Adverbs of degree are usually placed before the adjective or adverb they are modifying**:** **e.g**. The water was **extremely** cold.

**Q.** Identify the part of speech of the word in **bold**.

1. He walked very **slowly**. 2.That is a **fast** speedboat.

3. You walk very **fast**! 4. The ground was **hard**.

5. They all worked **hard** to meet the project deadline.

6. The players were moving **easily** around the field.

7. My friend plays the piano **well**.

8. Nobody wants to box with him because he doesn't fight **clean**.

9. As usual, she left her room **clean** and tidy before going to school.

10. There are **elderly** people living in the apartment next door.