Adjectives and Their Types



Adjectives of Quality



A Day at the Beach

Read this passage.

We had so much fun at the beach last weekend!

The bright sun shone down on us as my sister and I ran around the beach with a ball.

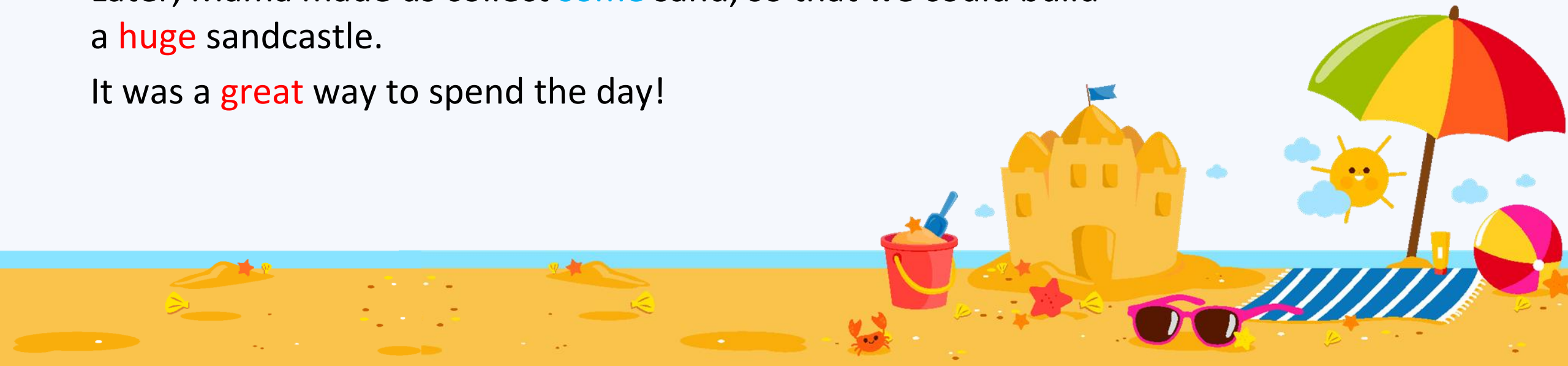
Giant waves crashed and rolled up to the sandy shore.

Up in the sky, many seagulls chirped out happy greetings to each other.

Far away in the distance, we saw a few fishing boats bobbing up and down in the waves.

Later, Mama made us collect some sand, so that we could build a huge sandcastle.

It was a great way to spend the day!



Adjectives of Quality

In the passage and the sentences below, look at the words in red. They are adjectives of quality.

The greetings are **happy**.

The sandcastle is **huge**.

The sun is **bright**.

The waves are **giant**.

The shore is **sandy**.

An adjective of quality describes the nature or a particular quality of a noun or a pronoun.



Adjectives of Quantity



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Read the passage once more. Notice the words in **blue**.

The words many, few and some are **adjectives of quantity**.

An adjective of quantity describes the amount or the quantity of a noun or pronoun.

- It answers the question '**how many**' or '**how much**'.
- **Numbers** are also adjectives of quantity as they express 'how many'.

Examples:

five seagulls, seven apples and nine crayons.

Some other common adjectives of quantity are enough, little, any and all.

Let’s Recall

Identify whether the words in red are adjectives of quality or quantity.

1. Lata bought a colourful scarf for her sister.
2. I hope you have some idea about tomorrow’s plan.
3. The cuddly puppy ran about chasing its tail.
4. The waiter placed four bowls of soup in front of us.
5. The monkey ran away with all my snacks.
6. A grand feast was laid out in the king’s honour.



Possessive, Demonstrative and Interrogative Adjectives



Bruno Comes Home

Read this passage.

Last month, we brought home a puppy named Bruno. He was mom's birthday present. Our old dog, Bhutu was lonely, but now she has a friend to play with too. Bruno is very cute, and his fur is brown and soft. He has already become fast friends with Bhutu. My bedroom has now become their playground.

One day, we took the two dogs out for a walk in the park. They went mad chasing after squirrels. You should have seen those squirrels scrambling from tree to tree, trying to get away. In fact, Bhutu even tried to climb up that big mango tree in the park. Can you imagine? I laughed so hard seeing her antics.

Yesterday, Mom cuddled Bruno and said 'This year's birthday gift has been the best!'

I definitely agree, Mom!



Remember

The words in red — our, his, my, their and her — are **possessive adjectives**.

A possessive adjective shows to whom the noun belongs. ‘Its’ is also a possessive adjective.

Remember: Both possessive adjectives and demonstrative adjectives are always placed before the noun.



Remember

The words in blue — that, those, this— are **demonstrative adjectives**.

A demonstrative adjective shows where a noun is placed in relation to the speaker .

So, this and these are used to point to things which are close by, whereas that and those are used for things which are far away. ‘These’ is also a demonstrative adjective.

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Remember

Interrogative Adjectives are used with nouns to ask questions.

For example:

Whose phone is this?

Which book are you reading?

What kind of music do you enjoy listening to?

The most commonly used interrogative adjectives are **what**, **whose**, and **which**, as they directly modify nouns to ask questions.



Let's Recall

Write 'PA' for possessive adjectives, 'DA' for demonstrative adjectives and 'IA' for interrogative adjectives.

1. Mohan loves cycling. This is his bicycle.
2. That house by the lake is mine.
3. 'Is this your pencil?' asked Meena.
4. What time does the train usually arrive?
5. These apples are crunchy and delicious.
6. Our teacher asked us to write an essay on hobbies.
7. What type of flowers are these in the garden?
8. The bus ride to their school was filled with excited chatter.

