

INTRODUCING TYPES OF ADJECTIVES

FOR CLASS REVIEW AND STUDENT BINDER

How can you tell an adjective when you see one?

Adjectives give description or place limits to nouns. Every adjective answers one of these three questions: **What kind? How many? Which one?** An adjective can be a single word, a phrase, or a clause. We'll introduce adjective clauses and phrases but will cover them in more depth in the ensuing *GrammarActive*® series.

Adjectives are divided into two main categories:

descriptive - explain the qualities of a noun

limiting - limit the noun being described.

We'll include ways for you to use adjectives from these two categories for comparing and also introduce you to some troublesome adjectives.

Check out examples of adjectives doing their jobs:

What kind?

Randy called the *pink, plump* elephant an unusual specimen.

What kind of elephant? pink and plump! **What kind of specimen?** unusual!

A generous teacher with plenty of raffle tickets always rewards engaged students.

What kind of teacher? generous (one with tickets to give out).

What kind of tickets? raffle

What kind of students? engaged

