

Introduction to adjectives

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PARADISE APARTMENTS

An **excellent** choice for an **independent** summer holiday, these **large** apartments are along an **inland** waterway in a **quiet residential** area. The **friendly** resort of Gulftown with its **beautiful white sandy** beach is only a **short** walk away.

An **adjective** modifies a noun. The adjectives here express **physical** and other **qualities** (**large, quiet, friendly**) and the writer's **opinion** or **attitude** (**excellent, beautiful**). The adjective **residential** classifies the area, tells us what type of area it is.

Adjectives can also express other meanings such as origin (an **American writer**), place (an **inland** waterway), frequency (a **weekly** newspaper), degree (a **complete** failure), necessity (an **essential** safeguard) and degrees of certainty (the **probable** result).

NOTE

A modifier can also be a **noun**, e.g.

a **summer** holiday

a **gift** shop

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