

# Adjectives and Articles

An **adjective** is a word that can describe a person, place, or thing. Adjectives tell more about nouns. *A*, *an*, and *the* are special adjectives called **articles**.

**Adjectives**    Many people wore bright clothes to the annual parade.

**Articles**     The child wore an orange sweater and a blue jacket.

- The articles *a* and *an* are used only with singular nouns. *A* is used before a word that begins with a consonant sound: *a box*, *a red coat*. *An* is used before a word that begins with a vowel sound: *an egg*, *an empty box*, *an old coat*.
- Use *the* before singular or plural nouns: *the earring*, *the earrings*.

**Directions** Write the adjective that describes each underlined noun.

1. A kimono is made of vivid cloth. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Japanese wear kimonos for special occasions. \_\_\_\_\_
3. They wear wide belts with their kimonos. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Lovely kimonos are fun to wear. \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions** Circle the article in ( ) that correctly completes each sentence. Write the sentence.

5. In Hawaii, you can buy (a, an) long dress called a muumuu.  
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6. I bought (a, an) attractive muumuu in Honolulu.  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. My dad bought (an, the) most expensive shirt.  
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8. (The, An) shirt has big purple flowers on it.  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. We can wear our Hawaiian clothes for (a, an) outdoor party.  
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