

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.

vivid
special
wide
lovely

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.

In Hawaii, you can buy a long dress called a muumuu.

6. I bought (a, (an)) attractive muumuu in Honolulu.

I bought an attractive muumuu in Honolulu.

7. My dad bought (an, (the)) most expensive shirt.

My dad bought the most expensive shirt.

8. ((The), An) shirt has big purple flowers on it.

The shirt has big purple flowers on it.

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

We can wear our Hawaiian clothes for an outdoor party.