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Adjectives and Articles

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

Adjectives Some girls wore long, bright skirts.

Articles A boy wore an awesome shirt to the party.

- The articles *a* and *an* are used only with singular nouns. *A* is used before a word that begins with a consonant sound: *a jacket*, *a full cup*. *An* is used before a word that begins with a vowel sound: *an eagle*, *an orange jacket*, *an empty cup*.
- Use *the* before singular or plural nouns: *the shoe*, *the shoes*.

Directions Write the adjective that describes each underlined noun.

1. Many countries have colorful clothing for celebrations. colorful
2. Indian women wear silk dresses. silk
3. Many Scottish men have plaid kilts for special occasions. plaid
4. In Russia, men put on long coats. long
5. Japanese kimonos are made in many colors. many

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

6. The American Indian wore (a, an) jacket with colorful beads.
7. (A, The) short pants that man is wearing are German.
8. The African man wore (a, an) orange robe.
9. (The) A) Mexican musicians had big hats.
10. The woman from Chile wore (a, an) outfit with a long white skirt.



Home Activity Your child learned about adjectives and articles. On a walk, ask your child to use adjectives to describe various objects such as a house, a tree, and a dog.