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Language and Conventions

Adjectives

An **adjective** is a word that describes people, places, or things. It adds to or clarifies the meaning of nouns and pronouns. Think of an adjective as a word that answers *what kind*, *how many*, or *which one*.

- **Descriptive:** Adjectives often appear before the noun or words they modify:
a funny movie (answers the question, *What kind of movie?*)
- **Predicate:** Adjectives can also appear after the noun or pronoun they modify and after a linking verb. These are called **predicate adjectives**:
The movie is funny.
- **Nouns as Adjectives:** Adjectives can also take the form of words we think of as nouns. In such cases, they appear before the words they modify:
the bicycle shop

MyTURN Circle the adjective in the following sentences. Then write what type of adjective it is (*descriptive*, *predicate*, or *noun as adjective*).

1. The cake is delicious. _____
2. Shea could not find the tennis ball. _____
3. A long nap is what the baby needed. _____
4. Those sneakers are mine. _____

MyTURN Write one sentence in which you use a descriptive adjective, one in which you use a predicate adjective, and one in which you use a noun as an adjective.
