Parts of Speech - Adjectives

- Almost all words have a “part of speech”. Which part of speech a word has depends on how it is used in a sentence. Here is a list of the eight parts of speech:

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**Adjective:** An adjective is a word or phrase that is used to modify a noun or pronoun.

- **Example:** The snake is long and green.
- In this example, *long* and *green* are adjectives because they modify the noun *snake*.
- Some words modify nouns that are *not* adjectives. These are attributive nouns. They are not predicative of the noun, so they are not adjectives.

- **Example:** The painting is extremely old.
- In this example, *old* is an adjective because it modifies the noun *painting*. However, *extremely* is not an adjective. It modifies the adjective *old*. Therefore it is an adverb.

- **Example:** The baseball team is good.
- In this example, *baseball* modifies *team*. However, *baseball* is not an adjective because it is not predicative of the noun - the team is *not* baseball. **Good** is the only adjective in the sentence - the team *is* good.

**Directions:** Underline the adjectives in the following sentences.

1) The motorcycle is old.
2) Today is cloudy, hot, and humid.
3) The man wearing a blue suit is young.
4) The runner is very fast.
5) He is a good basketball player.
6) Alamance Community College is a great place to learn.
7) The blue bus is late.
8) The rusty truck has an oversized trailer.
9) Jaime is so smart!
10) The job was difficult, but manageable.
11) The house has new plumbing and running water.
12) The silly man laughed uncontrollably.
13) The boy said he was sorry.
14) The intoxicated gentleman wasn’t sure if the clock was fast or slow.
15) “A cleaner environment,” he trenchantly stated, “Is the key.”

**Directions:** Now make two of your own sentences using adjectives.

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