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ADJECTIVES

ADJECTIVES ARE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE OR MODIFY NOUNS.

ADJECTIVES GIVE A LITTLE DIFFERENT MEANING TO A NOUN.

EXAMPLE:

INTELLIGENT STUDENT LAZY STUDENT GOOD STUDENT

ADJECTIVE CLAUSE

ADJECTIVE CLAUSE IS A GROUP OF WORD WITH A SUBJECT AND A VERB THAT DESCRIBE A NOUN.

EXAMPLE:

- I THANKED THE WOMAN WHO HELPED ME.
- THE BOOK WHICH IS ON THE TABLE IS MINE.

RELATIVE PRONOUN WORDS THAT INTRODUCE ADJECTIVE CLAUSES:

WHO, WHOM, THAT, WHICH, WHERE, WHEN, WHOSE

ALWAYS PUT ADJECTIVE CLAUSE RIGHT AFTER THE OBJECT WHICH WILL BE DESCRIBED.

ADJECTIVE CLAUSE: USE OF COMMAS.

- WHEN THE INFORMATION IN THE ADJECTIVE CLAUSE IS EXTRA (NOT-NEEDED) TO IDENTIFY THE NOUN
- NOUN IS A PROPER NAME (DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY OBJECTS/HUMANS HAVE THE SAME NAME)

DON'T USE COMMAS:

- WHEN THE INFORMATION IN THE ADJECTIVE CLAUSE IS NEEDED TO IDENTIFY THE NOUN
- NO COMMA BEFORE "THAT"

EXAMPLE:

- A TYPHOON, WHICH IS A VIOLENT TROPICAL STORM, DESTROYED TOKYO.
- A TYPHOON WHICH IS NAMED BY KATRINA DESTROYED TOKYO.

EXAMPLE:

- THE MAN WHO(M) I SAW WAS MR. JONES.
- THE MOVIE WHICH WE SAW LAST NIGHT WASN'T VERY GOOD.
- SHE IS THE WOMAN THAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT.
- THE MUSIC THAT WE LISTEN TO LAST NIGHT WAS GOOD.
- I KNOW THE MAN <u>WHOSE BIKE WAS STOLEN</u>.
- THE BUILDING WHERE HE LIVES IS VERY OLD.
- I'LL NEVER FORGET THE DAY WHEN I MET YOU.

EXERCISES:

- THE BRIDGE ____ COLLAPSED IN THE WINTER STORM WILL COST MILLIONS TO REPLACE.
- MY BROTHER, ____ IS AN ENGINEER, FIGURED IT OUT FOR ME.
- THIS TEAM WOULD BE THE BEST ____ SHE HAD COACHED IN RECENT YEARS.
- MEALTIME IS A TIME ____ FAMILIES CAN DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS.
- MANY KIDS LIVE IN HOMES ____ THE TV IS ON ALL THE TIME.

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