

Adjectives in Sentences

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

An adjective usually comes before the noun or pronoun it modifies.

EXAMPLE

Dances with Wolves portrays **Lakota Sioux** culture.

Sometimes, adjectives follow the words they modify.

EXAMPLES

The protagonist, **alone** and **bored**, tries to befriend a wolf.
This movie is **spectacular!**

EXERCISE Underline the adjectives in the following sentences. Do not include *a*, *an*, and *the*. Then, draw an arrow from each underlined adjective to the word it modifies.

Example

1. For many reasons, I think that movie is great.

1. The movie is set in the West during the latter part of the nineteenth century.
2. John J. Dunbar, the main character, is a Civil War veteran.
3. Dunbar had been an army lieutenant.
4. The Lakota Sioux, cautious and apprehensive, eventually befriend Dunbar.
5. The friendly lieutenant maintains a peaceful relationship with the Lakota Sioux.
6. In the beginning some minor problems do arise.
7. A greater conflict occurs when other soldiers arrive.
8. Kevin Costner both starred in and directed this powerful film.

9. Costner is not only a talented actor but also a skilled director.
10. Costner was especially careful about presenting an accurate picture of the Lakota Sioux.
11. He hired a woman to teach the Lakota Sioux language to many actors in the film.
12. He also dispatched designers to find authentic clothing and jewelry.
13. Tending to so many details must have taken Costner and the film crew a long time.
14. Graham Greene and Floyd Red Crow Westerman were two of many American Indians selected for important parts in the movie.
15. The performances by these actors are certainly praiseworthy.
16. This movie was a box-office success.
17. Some Hollywood critics predicted that the three-hour movie would fail.
18. Numerous other movie critics, however, praised the film.
19. Did Costner receive any Oscar nominations for acting and directing?
20. This wonderful film received a number of nominations and won several awards.

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