

Lesson 4

Adjectives

 **MS CCRS L.3.1a:** Explain the function of . . . adjectives . . . in general and their functions in particular sentences.

 **Introduction** An **adjective** is a word that tells something about a noun. When you write, you can use adjectives to help your readers picture what you are describing.

Some adjectives tell *what kind*. They describe how something looks, feels, sounds, tastes, or smells. In the example below, *blue* describes the noun *ocean*. *Cold* describes *water*.

We swam in the **blue** ocean. The water was **cold**.

Other adjectives tell *how many* there are of something.

We saw **three** whales. There were **many** dolphins.

What Kind	old, calm, bright, damp, noisy, sour, smoky
How Many	three, twelve, forty, many, several, some

Guided Practice

Underline the adjective or adjectives in each sentence. Then draw an arrow from each adjective to the noun that it tells about.

HINT Sometimes an adjective comes after the noun it describes. When this happens, other words usually come between the noun and adjective.

- 1** The Davis family goes to a beautiful beach in July.
- 2** The dunes at the beach are huge.
- 3** Maddy loves to feel the soft sand between her toes.
- 4** She likes to jump in the foamy waves.
- 5** The warm air smells salty from the ocean.
- 6** Little Chloe digs in the wet sand.
- 7** Yesterday, she found several shells.
- 8** Three shells were round.

Independent Practice

For numbers 1–3, choose the word in each sentence that is an adjective.

- 1** The cottage they stay in is two blocks from the ocean.
- A** two
 - B** cottage
 - C** stay
 - D** ocean
- 2** Father takes the happy children to the beach.
- A** to
 - B** happy
 - C** beach
 - D** children
- 3** The children like the smell of the tangy air.
- A** The
 - B** like
 - C** smell
 - D** tangy

In numbers 4 and 5, what does the adjective in each sentence describe?

- 4** The hot sand burns in the sun.
- A** how the sand looks
 - B** how the sand sounds
 - C** how the sand smells
 - D** how the sand feels
- 5** The water is salty.
- A** how the water feels
 - B** how the water looks
 - C** how the water tastes
 - D** how the water sounds