

第三章 形容詞的種類 (Kinds)

1. 描述形容詞 (Descriptive Adjective)

凡是表示性質、顏色、大小、狀態等的形容詞即屬於這一類。如：

- (1) This is a **new** hat. (這是一頂新帽子。)
- (2) This hat is **new**. (這頂帽子是新的。)
- (3) He is a **tall** boy. (他是個高個子男孩。)
- (4) The boy is **tall**. (這個男孩個子高。)
- (5) A: I have a **perfect** son. All of our neighbors say he's very very **lovely**.
(我有個零缺點的兒子。我們的鄰居都說他非常非常可愛。)

B: Doesn't he smoke?

(他不抽菸嗎?)

A: No, he doesn't.

(不，他不抽菸。)

B: Doesn't he drink?

(他不喝酒嗎?)

A: No, he doesn't.

(不，他不喝酒。)

B: Doesn't he gamble?

(他不賭博嗎?)

A: No, he doesn't.

(不，他不賭博。)

B: Doesn't he lie?

(他不說謊嗎?)

A: No, never.

(從來沒有。)

B: Doesn't he steal?

(他不偷竊嗎?)

A: No, never.

(從來沒有。)

B: Doesn't he cheat?

(他不欺騙嗎?)

A: No, never.

(從來沒有。)

B: I guess you really have a **perfect** son. How **old** is he?

(我覺得你確實有個完美的兒子。他多大了?)

A: He will be ten months old next Sunday.

(下星期日他就十個月大了。)

2. 專有形容詞 (Proper Adjective)

由專有名詞轉成的形容詞屬於這一類。如：

- (1) Many Americans enjoy **Chinese** food.
(許多美國人喜歡中國食品。)
- (2) He was born in Taipei, so he is a **Taipei** man.
(他生於台北，所以是個台北人。)
- (3) People say that **Soochow** girls are beautiful.
(人們都說蘇州姑娘美。)

由國名轉成的專有形容詞及專有名詞如下表：

國名		形容詞 國語	全體國民	個人				
				單數		複數		
China	中國	Chinese	the	Chinese	a(n) or one	Chinese	two or many	
Japan	日本	Japanese		Japanese		Japanese		
America	美國	American*		Americans		American		Americans
England	英國	English		English		Englishman		Englishmen
France	法國	French		French		Frenchman		Frenchmen
Germany	德國	German		Germans		German		Germans
Italy	義大利	Italian		Italians		Italian		Italians
Russia	俄國	Russian		Russians		Russian		Russians
Mexico	墨西哥	Mexican*		Mexicans		Mexican		Mexicans
Korea	韓國	Korean		Koreans		Korean		Koreans
Greece	希臘	Greek		Greeks		Greek		Greeks
Spain	西班牙	Spanish		Spaniards		Spaniard		Spaniards
Turkey	土耳其	Turkish		Turks		Turk		Turks
Egypt	埃及	Egyptian		Egyptians		Egyptian		Egyptians
Holland	荷蘭	Dutch	Dutch	Dutchman	Dutchmen			

* American 和 Mexican 不用作國語名詞，因為美國以英語 (English)

為國語，墨西哥以西班牙語（Spanish）為國語。

註：(a) 表示國語的專有名詞之前不要冠詞，但 language 之前的專有名詞要加冠詞 the。

① a. He speaks the English as if he were an Englishman. (×)

b. He speaks **English** as if he were an Englishman. (✓)

（他說起英語來就像是個英國人。）

② a. He is good at Greek language. (×)

b. He is good at **the Greek language**. (✓)（他擅長希臘語。）

(b) 表示全體國民的專有名詞之前要有 the。比較以下各例：

① The **Japanese** are said to be diligent. 複數（全體）

（據說日本人很勤勉。）

② **Japanese** were among them. 複數（個人）

（他們之中有日本人。）

③ A **Japanese** is coming to see me this afternoon. 單數（個人）

（今天下午有個日本人要來看我。）

④ **Japanese** is difficult to learn. 單數（國語）

（日文很難學。）

⑤ **Japanese** houses are generally made of wood.（形容詞）

（日本房屋通常是木造的。）

(c) 代表都市的專有形容詞大部份和該都市的專有名詞形式一樣。如：

專有名詞

專有形容詞

Chicago（芝加哥）

a **Chicago** paper（芝加哥報）

London（倫敦）

a **London** merchant（倫敦商人）

3. 物質形容詞 (Material Adjective)

這類形容詞或由物質名詞充當，或由物質名詞轉換而成。如：

(1) I had been talking to the newcomer for several minutes before I realized he had a **glass** eye.

（我和那初來者談了幾分鐘才發現他有一隻玻璃眼。）

- (2) Those who live in **glass** houses should not throw stones.
 (住在玻璃屋裡的人不該扔石頭。—— 自己有缺點不該攻擊別人。)
- (3) People in the Stone Age lived in **stone** houses.
 (石器時代的人住在石屋裡。)
- (4) We found it rather difficult to walk on the **stony** road and preferred to stay on the grass verge as much as possible.
 (我們發現在石子路上行走有點困難而比較喜歡儘可能地走在路邊的草地上。)
- (5) I have a **silver** dollar. (我有塊銀元。)
- (6) The old man has **silver** hair. (這位老人有一頭銀髮。)
- (7) The whole valley was clearly visible in the **silvery** light of the moon.
 (在銀色月光下，整個山谷歷歷在目。)
- (8) Mother wears **silk** stockings and Father wears silk ties.
 (母親穿著長筒絲襪，父親繫著絲領帶。)
- (9) Baby's hair is **silky** (or **silk-like**). (嬰兒的頭髮如絲一般的柔滑。)
- (10) **Woolen** (or **Woollen, Woolly**) blankets are very warm.
 (羊毛毯很暖和。)
- (11) Mary has **woolly** hair. (瑪麗有一頭彎卷的厚發。)
- (12) **Wood** floors are made of blocks of wood.
 (木地板是由一塊塊木頭拼成的。)
- (13) In Taiwan, some people live in **wooden** houses, and some live in houses made of bricks.
 (在台灣，有些人住在木屋裡，有些住在磚造的房屋裡。)
- (14) His manners were extremely **wooden**. (他的舉止極為呆板。)
- (15) We live in a house near a **woody** hillside.
 (我們住在一座樹木蔥郁的山坡旁的屋子裡。)
- (16) We took one look at the **leaden** clouds overhead and decided to postpone our picnic.
 (我們望一望頭頂上方的灰色雲團於是決定將野餐延後。)