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## ADJECTIVES

An **adjective** is a word that describes a noun.

The white crane was magnificent.

**A, an, and the** are special adjectives called **articles**. **A** and **the** are used before a singular noun or an adjective that begins with a consonant sound. Use **an** before a singular noun or an adjective that begins with a vowel sound.

I have a broken house, a race car, an awesome airplane, and an electric train in my toy box.

The green fuzzy layer on the tree is moss.

**Exercise.** Use the following adjectives and articles to complete the sentences.

|             |      |      |        |        |           |
|-------------|------|------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Wonderful   | warm | old  | simple | good   | beautiful |
| magnificent | cold | long | great  | solemn | cruel     |

1. \_\_\_\_\_ crane was caught in \_\_\_\_\_ trap.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ man freed the bird.
3. The man did \_\_\_\_\_ deed.
4. Then a \_\_\_\_\_ girl named Tsuru knocked on the door.
5. The couple shared their \_\_\_\_\_ fire and their \_\_\_\_\_ supper with her.
6. She wanted to repay \_\_\_\_\_ couple for their \_\_\_\_\_ kindness.
7. She asked them to make \_\_\_\_\_ promise
8. Turur-san weaved \_\_\_\_\_ bolt of \_\_\_\_\_ cloth.
9. With \_\_\_\_\_ money the cloth brought, the family had food for the \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ days of winter.

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## ADJECTIVES THAT COMPARE

Adjectives can describe by comparing. One-syllable adjectives usually add **er** or **est** to make comparisons. Use **er** to compare **two persons or things**. Use **est** to compare **more than two persons or things**.

Days on the farm seemed duller than days in the city.

The first few days were the slowest of Tom's life.

Adjectives with two or more syllables usually use **more** or **most** to make comparisons.

The city was **more interesting** to Tom than the country.

The farm was the **most boring** place in the world.

**EXERCISE** Write each sentence with the correct form of the adjective in parenthesis.

1. Tom's harness was the \_\_\_\_\_ thing Aunt Millie had ever seen.  
(unusual)
2. A lot of people were \_\_\_\_\_ than Tom. (adaptable)
3. At first, the \_\_\_\_\_ thing Tom did all day was to go to the mailbox. (interesting.)
4. Then, Tom was the \_\_\_\_\_ person around. (fast)
5. The black fox was even \_\_\_\_\_ than Petie's letters from home.  
(fascinating)
6. The fox was \_\_\_\_\_ than a cat. (graceful)
7. She was the \_\_\_\_\_ animal Tom had ever seen. (beautiful)
8. How could Tom describe the \_\_\_\_\_ event in his life?  
(thrilling)