

## Adjectives and Articles

An **adjective** describes a noun or pronoun. It tells what kind, how many, or which one.

**What Kind** The sun shone on the white sand.  
The wind was warm.

**How Many** Several workers rested.  
One man read a newspaper.

**Which One** César lives in that house.  
Those houses belong to the landowner.

The **articles** *a*, *an*, and *the* appear before nouns or other adjectives. Use *a* before a word that begins with a consonant sound. Use *an* before a word that begins with a vowel sound. Use *the* before words beginning with any letter.

He spent a long day pulling beets out of the ground.  
It was an awful job.

A **proper adjective** is formed from a proper noun. Proper adjectives are always capitalized.

César Chávez is an American hero.

**A** Write each sentence. Underline adjectives once and articles twice.

1. That meeting was held at an abandoned theater in Fresno.
2. Green vineyards fill the valleys in California.
3. Plump grapes drooped on many vines.
4. César Chávez was good at solving a problem.
5. Imagination is required to find a nonviolent solution.
6. Chávez touched the new Italian suit.
7. Biographies are the stories of real people.
8. Hot sun baked the ground in Arizona.