

## ATTRIBUTIVE & PREDICATIVE ADJECTIVES ... Nady M. Mahmoud

Adjectives which precede nouns are called attributive adjectives.

Certain adjectives can only appear in the predicate of the sentence, that is they come after linking verbs.

Like adverbs, a few adjectives end in -ly. These adjectives include *early*, *lovely*, *hourly*, *weekly*, etc.

**Underline the adjectives in the following sentences. Then write whether they're attributive or predicative.**

1. William was a man of extraordinary abilities. attributive predicative
2. That costume makes the children look absurd. attributive predicative
3. Our employees are still very green. attributive predicative
4. Kate's explanation certainly sounded believable attributive predicative
5. What a brilliant idea! attributive predicative
6. Cycling is a cheap way to get around. attributive predicative
7. The play is both comic and tragic. attributive predicative
8. Peter suffered cracked ribs. attributive predicative
9. There's nothing to be afraid of now. attributive predicative
10. Sarah doesn't like going out alone at night. attributive predicative
11. My sister and I don't look alike. attributive predicative
12. Doctors kept the baby alive for five weeks. attributive predicative
13. My parents looked astonished at my news. attributive predicative
14. 'John Q' is one of my favourite movies. attributive predicative
15. We had some sad news yesterday. attributive predicative
16. A strange thing happened this morning. attributive predicative
17. Nady felt nervous before the interview. attributive predicative
18. This coffee has a nasty taste. attributive predicative
19. Breakfast smells delicious. attributive predicative
20. This drink tastes sweet. attributive predicative