

## Adjective or Noun?

**14a.** A *noun* names a person, a place, a thing, or an idea.

**14c.** An *adjective* modifies a noun or a pronoun.

Some words can be used as nouns or adjectives.

### NOUNS

spaghetti

high school

American Indian

### ADJECTIVES

spaghetti sauce

high school teacher

American Indian business

**EXERCISE A** Identify each underlined word by writing *ADJ* for adjective or *N* for noun above the word.

**Example 1.** The Blackfeet Indians consisted of three tribes living on the Great Plains of the United States and Canada.

1. The Blackfeet hunted buffalo on foot until they acquired horses from European American settlers.
2. These Plains people lived in tepees made of buffalo hide.
3. In the early part of the nineteenth century, beaver trappers entered the Blackfoot hunting ground.
4. After an initial conflict, the European Americans began to trade goods such as tools, metal knives, and glass beads with the Blackfeet in exchange for beavers.
5. Some Blackfeet refused to trade because they considered the beaver a sacred animal.

**EXERCISE B** In the sentences below, identify the italicized words by underlining the adjectives and circling the nouns. Then, draw an arrow from each underlined adjective to the word it modifies.

**Example 1.** Have you ever seen the wool used for Angora sweaters?

6. This year, Mother has cooked our *holiday* turkey in her *earthenware* oven.
7. Conrad did not stir the contents of his *chemistry* beaker enough to complete his *test*.
8. Doesn't the *green* in this shirt clash with that *purple* jacket?
9. Melina, please explain how much *electricity* this *light* bulb will generate.
10. Plain *cheese* sandwiches were my favorite until I tried one with broiled *tomato*.
11. What happens when you put *Iowa* corn into an iron pot, put on the lid, and apply *heat*?
12. Ms. Ramirez calls the *pop* quizzes that she gives each week *practice* tests.
13. Every *fall*, we helped to collect sap from the *maple* trees.
14. Kitchi asked the *mail* carrier to slide the *mail* under the door.
15. That is the kind of *service* every *tow truck* driver should provide a motorist in trouble!