

Determiners

Determiners are words which come before nouns determining or limiting the use of the noun by giving some additional information. They indicate the singularity or the plurality of a noun, amount or quantity of a noun, possessive aspect of a noun, the number and order of a noun or the distributive or demonstrative aspect of a noun. Adjectives and determiners must be carefully distinguished from each other. An adjective is used to limit the application of a noun by describing it i.e. by giving information about the size, colour, beauty, age and other such qualities whereas a determiner is used to limit the application of a noun without describing it. We don't know anything about the quality of the noun from a determiner.

Identify the Adjectives and the Determiners in the following

brilliant students

dull boy

every citizen

a few students

second player

responsible citizen

his car

good players

any book

comfortable car

no player

costly book

every Indian

much wealth

pure water

fresh milk

ideal politician

more water

some milk

many politicians

several villages

a boy

old lady

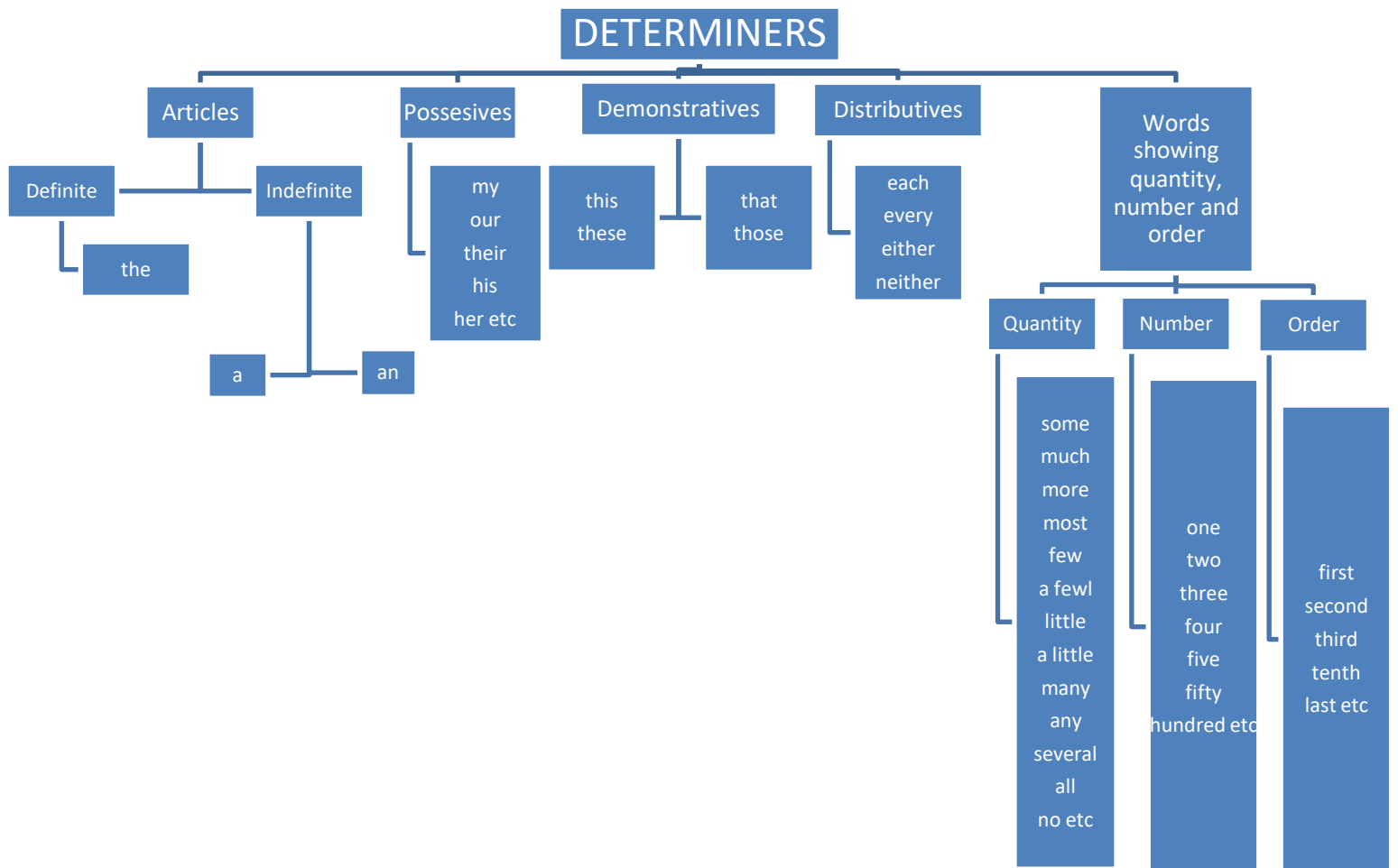
that pen

all winners

good novel

black pen

Several classes of words come under the heading ‘**Determiners**’



Exercise

- 1) Our principal is ----- man of honesty and integrity. He does not accept ----- gift from students, teachers or parents. On ----- occasion of celebrating ----- 'Children's Day', he rewarded ----- students for ----- honesty.

Ans : a, any, the, the, some/many/several/a few, their

- 2) I have met ----- people in my life, but ----- person who has influenced me the most is Mother Teresa. To me she has been ----- symbol of true religion. ----- people can do what she has done. If we adopt ----- ideology, ----- world will become ----- better place to live in.

Ans : many/ several/ a lot of, the, a/the, few, her, the/this, a

- 3) ----- abbreviation is ----- shortened form of ----- word or a group of words. It is used to save time and space. ----- abbreviations are also used while speaking. Most of ----- dictionaries include ----- list of commonly used abbreviations.

Ans : an, the, a, some/many/several/a few, the, a

Worksheet

- 1) My aunt lived on ----- ground floor of ----- old house near ----- river Thames. She was afraid of burglars and always locked up ----- house carefully before going to bed. She also took precautions of looking under ---- bed to see if ----- burglar was hiding there.

- 2) Kashmir is one of ----- most popular tourist destination in India. It is ----- beautiful region in ----- northern part of ----- country. There are natural springs and ----- lakes there. ----- region was made more beautiful by Mughal emperors. They built ----- gardens with terraces and fountains. Mughal emperors used to spend ----- leisure in ----- charming environment of Kashmir.

- 3) Ashoka was one of ----- greatest emperors of ancient India. He ruled from Pataliputra which was ----- capital city of ----- empire. In his youth, Ashoka waged ----- battles against ----- enemies. One of ----- best known expeditions was against Kalinga. ----- battle proved to be ----- turning point in ----- life. Seeing the blood-shed and untold miseries of ---- war, he became conscience-stricken and soon turned into ----- pacifist and Buddhist.

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