

Correct Adjectives

- *A*, *an*, and *the* are special adjectives called **articles**.
A and *an* refer to any noun. *The* refers to a specific noun.
- A **demonstrative adjective** tells which one. *This* and *these* refer to nouns close by. *That* and *those* refer to nouns farther away. *This* and *that* are used with singular nouns. *These* and *those* are used with plural nouns.
- A **proper adjective** is formed from a proper noun. It is capitalized.

1–5. Write the correct article or demonstrative adjective in parentheses to complete each sentence.

1. (Those, That) fossils are the oldest in the museum.
2. Jorge visited (the, a) National History Museum.
3. (These, That) fossils need to be cleaned.
4. I wrote a book about (a, an) great fossil discovery.
5. Scientists believe that climate change was one reason (these, this) mammoths disappeared.

6–8. Rewrite the sentences, using adjectives to combine them.

6. After discovering the dinosaur fossil, the boy appeared on the evening news. The boy was from Canada.
7. The boy said the fossil looked like a rock. It was rough and jagged.
8. They found the fossil buried in the ground. The ground was frozen.