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TOPIC: Definite and Indefinite Numeral Adjectives
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DEFINITE NUMERAL ADJECTIVES

Definite Numeral Adjectives are used to denote the exact number or position of the subject in the sentence.

- Both cardinal and ordinal numbers come under it.
- Examples: one, first, two, second, four, third, three, seven, eighty-five, one-third, half, seventh, etc.
- > Cardinal Numbers

Numbers such as one, two, three, etc. are called Cardinal Numbers. Cardinals are Definite Numeral Adjectives.

- ➤ Examples:
- ❖There are seven days in a week.
- There are two soft boards in my classroom.
- ➤ **Ordinal Numbers** Numbers that describe the exact position or rank of a person or a thing like first, second, etc. are called Ordinal Numbers. They are Definite Numeral Adjectives.
- ➤ Examples:
- ❖I'm having my second cup of coffee.
- ❖My apartment is on the **fifth** floor.

INDEFINITE NUMERAL ADJECTIVES

Indefinite Numeral Adjectives are used to specify numerous subjects. However, they do not give any specific count value. They only provide information about the number of nouns but do not tell the exact number of nouns in the sentence.

Eg: all, no, many, few, some, any, certain, several, etc.

- ❖ There are **many** cars parked in front of the building.
- **Some** students were selected for the GK Quiz.
- ➤ Note that an adjective can be an Indefinite Numeral Adjective or Adjective of Quantity.
- ➤ When an adjective is followed by a **Countable Noun** then it will be an Indefinite Numeral Adjective.

Eg. I bought **some** mangoes from the street vendor.

If the adjective is followed by an **Uncountable Noun** then it will be an Adjective of Quantity.

I drank **some** juice as I was thirsty.(Adjective of Quantity)

