

# ***The Adjective in Modern English***

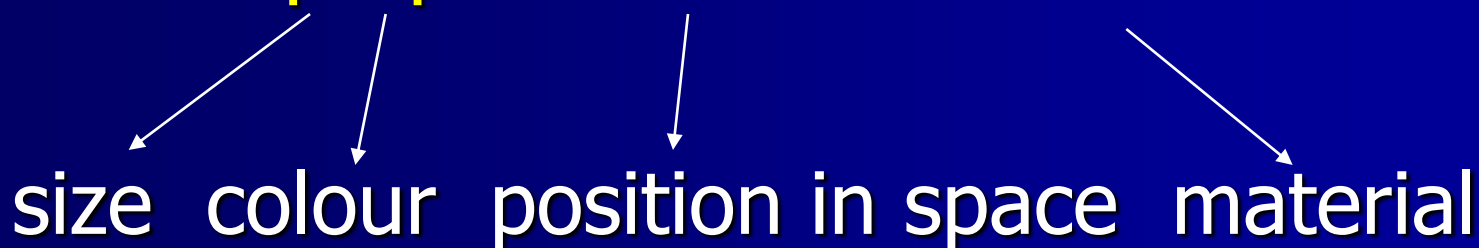
## The Plan of the Discussion

1. The adjective as a notional part of speech. The classification of adjectives.
2. The category of the degrees of comparison.
3. The category of state compared with the adjective.

# *1. The adjective*

*as a notional part of speech. The  
classification of adjectives*

**properties of substances**



the stem-building suffixes

*-ish, -y, -ic, -ical, -less, -ful, pre-, um-*

# The adjectives

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graph TD; A[The adjectives] --> B[Qualitative]; A --> C[Quantitative]; A --> D[Relative]; B --> E[The degrees of comparison]; C --> F[much many little few]; D --> G[invariable in form];
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Qualitative

The degrees  
of comparison

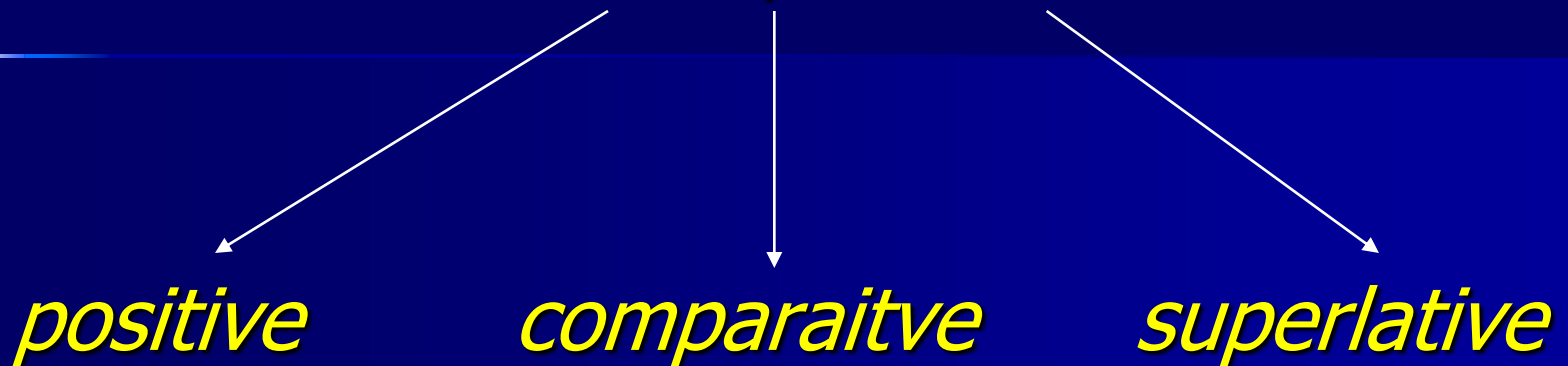
Quantitative

much many  
little few

Relative

invariable  
in form

## 2. The category of the degrees of comparison



<i>Synthetic</i>	→	<i>-er</i>	<i>-est</i>
<i>Analitical</i>	→	<i>more</i>	<i>(the) most</i>
<i>Suppletive</i>	→	<i>good – better – the best</i>	

*3. The category of state  
compared with the adjective*

1. Adjectives → quality

Statives → state

2. Adjectives → *-less, -ous, etc.*

Statives → the prefix a-

3. Adjectives → the degrees of comparison

Statives ← invariable in form

4. Adjectives ↔ nouns

Statives ↔ link-verbs