

Figure 4.2

Adjective: Owner's Manual

Congratulations on your wise purchase of an ADJECTIVE. Your ADJECTIVE may be used to fit into one of the following frames:

The _____ truck. or The truck was very _____.

Your ADJECTIVE likes to answer the question What kind?

If your ADJECTIVE doesn't fit into either of these frames, maybe it is the kind of ADJECTIVE that answers the questions Which one? or How many?

Your ADJECTIVE may be capable of using the suffixes -er in the comparative form and -est in the superlative form. (If your ADJECTIVE doesn't like these suffixes, just use more and most to accomplish comparison or superiority.)

Your ADJECTIVE reports to your NOUN, and your NOUN can easily become an ADJECTIVE to another NOUN.

Often, groups of words decide to get together and do ADJECTIVE-like work. Such groups of words are called ADJECTIVALS, and they may be phrases or clauses that operate just like ADJECTIVES, answering those questions that ADJECTIVES answer.