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**Lesson 10.5.4 Adjectives**

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**EXERCISE 1 Recognizing Adjectives**

Underline words that function as adjectives—including articles—in the sentences below. If one of the words you underline is a predicate adjective, place a check mark on the line.

**EXAMPLE** ✓ Svalbard is icy because it is an archipelago—a group of islands—in the Arctic Circle.

Although many adjectives come right before the nouns they modify, a predicate adjective does not. A **predicate adjective** follows a linking verb and modifies the subject of a sentence.

**Example:**  
The city is *fascinating*.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Airplanes fly into the lone airport at Longyearbyen on the largest island, Spitsbergen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Few permanent settlements endure in the islands, and roads are rare.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The smallest permanent settlement is a Polish station with eight inhabitants; the largest is the administrative center, Longyearbyen.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. In 2002, when an elected council in Longyearbyen assumed administrative functions from Norway, the government of Svalbard became local for the first time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. An American mining company established Longyearbyen in 1906.

**EXERCISE 2 Choosing Adjectives**

In each sentence below, underline the adjective in parentheses that gives more accurate, vivid, or useful information about the noun. Also underline the noun(s) that the adjective modifies.

**EXAMPLE** Svalbard is so far north that winter there is (darker, worse) and longer than it is in northernmost Alaska.

1. The Northern Lights fill the sky with (undulating, several) colors during the four-month winter night.
2. Sunlight gradually returns to Svalbard beginning in March, and by May, the rays of the midnight sun paint glacial ridges with (spectacular, daily) oranges and blues.
3. Sixty percent of Svalbard is covered year-round with glaciers, but the (remaining, snow-free) valleys bustle with tundra life during the Arctic summer.
4. Reindeer and the Arctic fox are native to the islands, and the (mouselike, small) vole probably immigrated to Svalbard aboard supply boats.
5. Because their tails are especially (nice, thick), Arctic foxes use them for warmth during the frigid winter.