

1. 형용사 + kind(sort, kinds, sorts) of : '일종의'

- 뒤로 단/복수가산명사 그리고 불가산명사가 모두 올 수 있다.
- 'a kind of or this kind of + 복수명사'는 단수 취급한다.
- a kind of보다는 a sort of가 더 질 낮은 것을 나타낼 수 있다.
- this kind of person (○)
- these kind of persons (×) → these kinds of persons (○)
- this kind of water (○)
- What kind of () man is he? (부정관사를 쓰지 않는 것이 원칙이다.)  
Cobra is a kind of poisonous snake.  
Pollen is a kind of sticky powder or syrup.

2. kind of : adv. 약간, 어느 정도

kind of/sort of used with adjectives, adverbs and verbs when something is difficult to describe or when the word you use is not exactly what you mean

I was kind of surprised at the moment. (약간)

3. of a kind : 1. 그렇고 그런, 2. 아주 비슷한

He is a politician of a sort. (그렇고 그런 정치가)