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Adjectives - Year 3

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ADJECTIVE TOOLKIT



Adjectives add precise detail to nouns

SIZE



tiny • enormous

COLOR



amber • turquoise

SHAPE



curved • jagged

TEXTURE



silky • rough

FEELING



anxious • cheerful

QUALITY



sturdy • fragile



Choose the adjective that fits the context.



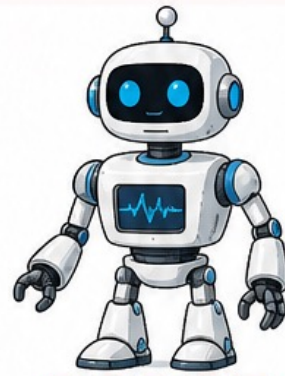
DESCRIPTION DETECTIVES



Choose three precise adjectives for each noun.



RAINFOREST



ROBOT



LIGHTHOUSE



THUNDERSTORM



PUPPY



BACKPACK

PREVIEW



DESCRIPTION DETECTIVES



Choose three precise adjectives for each noun.



CAVE



MARKET



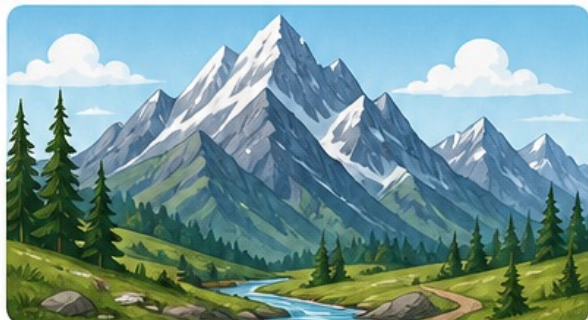
DRAAGON



BEACH



TREEHOUSE

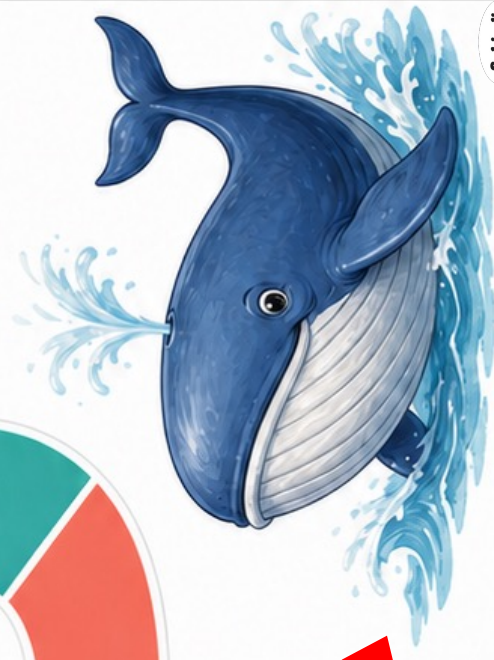


MOUNTAIN



ADJECTIVE TRAIL

Roll. Move. Draw a card when you land on a star.





ADJECTIVE TRAIL CARDS



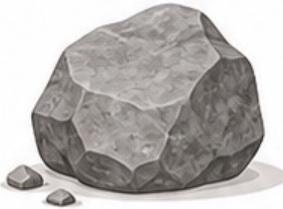
Read the card aloud. Answer correctly to stay on the star.



Name two
adjectives for a
rainforest.



Replace nice:
a nice puppy



Use *rough*
in a sentence



Which is stronger:
warm or scorching?



Name an
adjective for sound.



Describe a
mysterious cave.



What noun
could be fragile?



What does light mean
in a light backpack?

Name: _____



SPOT AND SORT ADJECTIVES

A. Underline the adjective in each sentence.

1. The curious fox listened.
2. Mia packed a sturdy backpack.
3. We crossed the narrow bridge.
4. A cheerful bird chirped.
5. The enormous whale surfaced.



B. Write each adjective in the correct group.

tiny • turquoise • jagged • silky • anxious • fragile

SIZE

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SHAPE

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Name: _____

ANSWERS



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fragile

Name: _____

SPOT AND SORT ADJECTIVES



C. Circle the adjectives. Then write the nouns they describe.

1. The noisy lorikeet ate sweet berries.

Adjectives: _____

Nouns: _____

2. A dusty trail led to the ancient tower.

Adjectives: _____

Nouns: _____

3. We watched the bright comet cross the dark sky.

Adjectives: _____

Nouns: _____

4. The patient teacher read a humorous story.

Adjectives: _____

Nouns: _____

D. Write one sentence containing two adjectives.

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Adjectives: noisy, sweet

Nouns: lorikeet, berries

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Adjectives: dusty, ancient

Nouns: trail, tower

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Adjectives: bright, dark

Nouns: comet, sky

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Adjectives: patient, humorous

Nouns: teacher, story

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A curious fox explored the hollow log.

PRECISE ADJECTIVE CHOICES

PAGE 1

Name: _____



A. Circle the adjective that makes the sentence precise.

1. The _____ ice made the path slippery.

frozen

nice

loud

2. The _____ kitten hid under the chair.

timid

square

salty

3. We climbed the _____ staircase.

spiral

tasty

sleepy

4. The _____ thunder shook the windows.

deafening

funny

smooth

5. The _____ sound warned us.

stunning

jagged

ancient

Replace the vague adjective with a precise adjective.

1. It was a good book.

2. Ava wore a nice jacket.

3. We saw a big bird.

4. The bin had a bad smell.

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ancient

Replace the vague adjective with a precise adjective.

1. It was a good book.

_____ **engaging** _____

2. Ava wore a nice jacket.

_____ **waterproof** _____

3. We saw a big bird.

_____ **enormous** _____

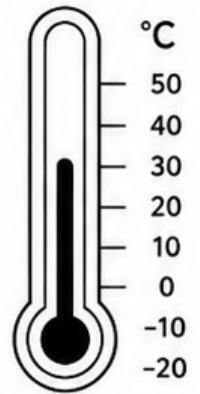
4. The bin had a bad smell.

_____ **foul** _____

PRECISE ADJECTIVE CHOICES

PAGE 2

Name: _____



C. Order each set from least strong to most strong.

1. hot • cool • scorching • warm

1. _____ → 2. _____ → 3. _____ → 4. _____

2. loud • whispering • deafening • quiet

1. _____ → 2. _____ → 3. _____ → 4. _____

3. enormous • small • tiny • large

1. _____ → 2. _____ → 3. _____ → 4. _____

D. Expand each noun given with two precise adjectives.

1. the door _____

2. the path _____

3. the box _____



E. Circle the adjective that best fits the context.

1. The scientist recorded the _____ lava.

molten

nice

sleepy

2. The safety sign warned of a _____ surface.

slippery

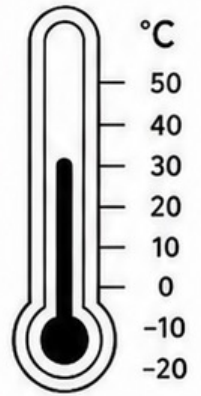
cheerful

ancient

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3. enormous • small • tiny • large

1. tiny → 2. small → 3. large → 4. enormous

D. Expand each noun group with two precise adjectives.

1. the dog the energetic, shaggy dog

2. the path a narrow, rocky path

3. the box the sturdy, cardboard box



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DESCRIBE AND COMPARE

Name: _____

A. Study the pictures. Write three precise adjectives for each.



TREEHOUSE



TENT

Write three comparison sentences. Use evidence from the pictures.

C. Write a detailed noun group with two or more adjectives.

DESCRIBE AND COMPARE

Name: **ANSWERS**

A. Study the pictures. Write three precise adjectives for each.



TREEHOUSE

tall

wooden

elevated



TENT

small

domed

portable

Write three comparison sentences. Use evidence from the pictures.

The treehouse is taller than the tent.

The tent is smaller and easier to move.

Both shelters look sturdy.

C. Write a detailed noun group with two or more adjectives.

the tall, wooden treehouse

ADJECTIVES IN CONTEXT

Name: _____

A. Circle the meaning of light in each sentence.

1. A light backpack lay by the door.

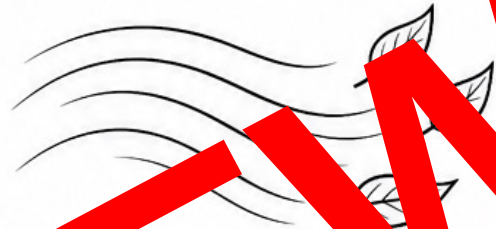
not heavy glowing

2. A light breeze moved the leaves.

gentle bright

3. She chose a light blue crayon.

pale heavy



B. Circle the adjective that fits each context.

1. The scientist described the rock _____.

porous kind

2. The map shows a _____ region.

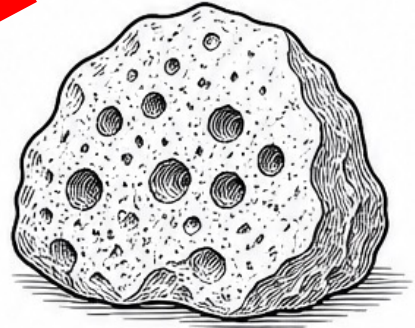
coastal tall

3. Wea _____ path.

slippery brave

4. The window is made from _____ glass.

transparent noisy



C. Write two sentences using sharp with different meanings.

1. _____

2. _____

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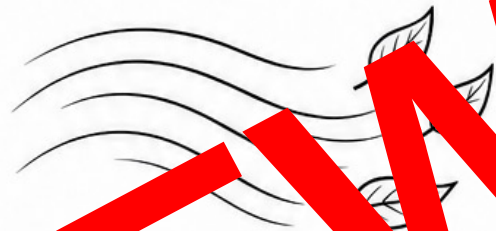
glowing



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coastal

tan

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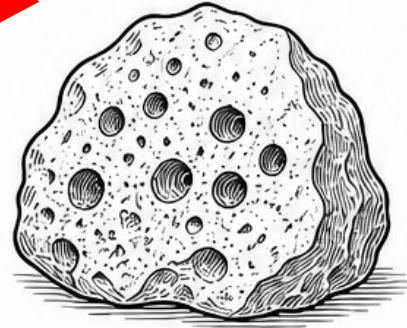
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brave

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transparent

noisy



C. Write two sentences using sharp with different meanings.

1. The chef used a sharp knife.

2. We turned at a sharp corner.

EDIT FOR DETAIL

Name: _____

A. Rewrite the paragraph with five precise adjectives.

On a nice morning, Zara walked into the big garden.
She heard a good song from a little bird.
Near the path, a bad smell drifted from the
compost bin.



B. Add commas between adjectives where needed.

1. We crossed the long narrow rocky track.
2. The bright round moon rose.
3. A tiny curious lizard watched us.

C. Write one sentence using a topic-specific adjective.

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On a nice morning, Zara walked into the big garden.
She heard a good song from a little bird.
Near the path, a bad smell drifted from the
compost bin.



On a crisp morning, Zara walked into the enormous garden. She
heard a melodious song from a tiny bird. Near the path, a foul
smell drifted from the compost bin.

B. Add commas between adjectives where needed.

1. We crossed the long, narrow, rocky track.
2. The bright, round moon rose.
3. A tiny, curious lizard watched us.

C. Write one sentence using a topic-specific adjective.

The porous rock absorbed water.

ADJECTIVES ASSESSMENT

PAGE 1 OF 2



Name: _____ Date: _____

A. Explain what an adjective does. (2 marks)

B. Underline the adjective in each sentence. (5 marks)

1. The jagged cliff rose above us.

2. Liam carried a fragile model.

3. A noisy crowd entered.

4. We followed the narrow creek.

5. The turquoise scarf shimmered.

C. Write each adjective beside the correct category. (4 marks)

tiny • cheerful • rough • circular

SIZE	_____
FEELING	_____
TEXTURE	_____
SHAPE	_____

Page 1 score: _____ / 11

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ADJECTIVES ASSESSMENT



Name: _____

D. Circle the adjective that best fits each context. (4 marks)

1. The _____ thunder made us cover our ears.

deafening

tiny

smooth

2. The _____ puppy waited behind the chair.

timid

square

sour

3. The _____ glass allowed us to see through it.

transparent

noisy

ancient

4. The explorer crossed the _____ desert.

arid

cheerful

milky

E. Circle the meaning of **light** in each sentence. (2 marks)

1. The box was _____ enough to lift.

not heavy

light

2. The artist used _____ paint.

pale

heavy

F. Improve the sentence using at least three precise adjectives. (3 marks)

The animal moved through the place.

ADJECTIVES ASSESSMENT

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not heavy

light

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pale

heavy

F. Improve the sentence using at least three precise adjectives. (3 marks)

The animal moved through the place.

The agile, spotted gecko darted through the damp, rocky cave.

Page 2 score: 9 / 9

TOTAL: 20 / 20

ADJECTIVES ASSESSMENT RUBRIC



Name: _____

Date: _____

Score: _____ / 25

CRITERIA	5 — EXCEEDING	4 — CONFIDENT	3 — ACHIEVING	2 — DEVELOPING	1 — BEGINNING
IDENTIFY ADJECTIVES	Identifies all adjectives accurately.	Identifies nearly all adjectives.	Identifies common adjectives.	Identifies some with prompting.	Needs direct support.
PRECISE VOCABULARY	Consistently precise and context-fitting.	Often precise and well chosen.	Generally appropriate.	Sometimes vague or mismatched.	Rarely suitable.
MEANING IN CONTEXT	Explains changing meanings clearly.	Explains most meanings clearly.	Explains common meanings.	Gives partial explanations.	Needs support.
SENTENCE CRAFT	Builds vivid, controlled sentences.	Builds detailed noun groups.	Uses some adjectives.	Adds limited detail.	Adds little or no detail.
CONVENTIONS	Accurate commas and spelling.	Only minor errors.	Minor errors.	Errors reduce clarity.	Frequent errors obscure meaning.

Teacher comment:

Adjectives: Precise Words in Context



Learning Intention

We are learning to choose adjectives that add precise detail and colour to the context.

Success criteria:

- identify adjectives that describe the nouns they are used with
- choose strong, more exact words
- explain how an adjective can change meaning in a new context

What Is an Adjective?

An adjective describes a noun.

The curious fox listened.

- adjective: curious
- noun: fox

Adjectives can describe size, colour, shape, texture, feeling or quality.



Adjectives Describe Nouns

a sturdy backpack

an enormous whale

a turquoise scarf

Ask: Which noun is being described?

The adjective adds information about that noun.



Spot the Adjective

The narrow bridge crossed the creek.

Which word adds detail to bridge?

Answer: narrow

Remove the adjective. What useful detail disappears?



Build a Detailed Noun Group

Start with a noun: cave

Add one adjective: a dark cave

Add two adjectives: a dark, mysterious cave

Precise adjectives help a reader form a clear picture.



Using More Than One Adjective

Use commas between adjectives that work equally:

a long, narrow, rocky track

a tiny, curious cat

Read the phrase aloud. Can and fit between the adjectives?

Adjective Categories

SIZE: tiny, enormous

COLOUR: amber, turquoise

SHAPE: curved, jagged

TEXTURE: silky, rough

FEELING: anxious, cheerful

QUALITY: sturdy, fragile



Replace Vague Words

Vague: a nice puppy

Precise: a playful puppy

Vague: a big bird

Precise: an enormous eagle

Choose a subject that matches exactly what you mean.



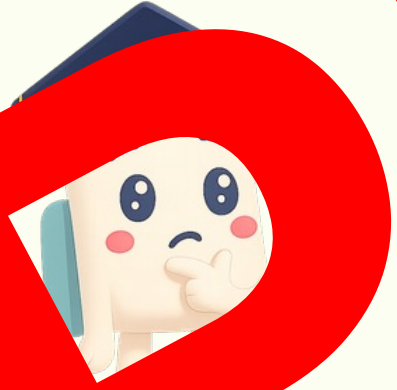
Shades of Meaning

cool → warm → hot → scorching

whispering → quiet → loud → deafening

tiny → small → large → enormous

order words from weaker to stronger to show intensity.



One Word, Different Contexts

a light backpack = not heavy

a light breeze = gentle

light blue paint = pale

the surrounding words help us work out the intended meaning.



Topic-Specific Adjectives

Science: porous rock, molten lava, transparent glass

Geography: coastal region, arid climate

Safety: slippery surface

Journalism: objectively make information accurate.



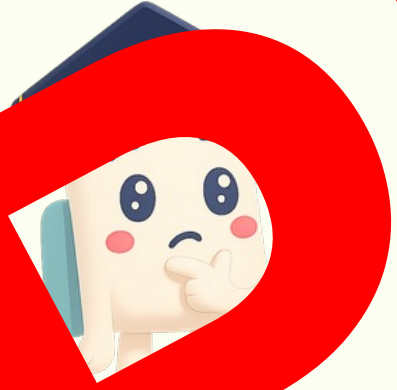
Check the Word Class

A word is an adjective when it describes a noun

rough bark → rough describes bark

The waves roughened the sand → roughened is a verb

Check the word's job in the sentence



Improve the Sentence

The animal moved through the place.

Try:

The agile, spotted cat started through the dark, rocky cave.

Which adjective is the closest picture?



Review

- Adjectives add detail to nouns.
- Precise adjectives suit the context.
- One adjective can have different meanings.
- Commas can separate equal adjectives.
- Topic-specific adjectives make explanations more accurate.



PREVIEW

Well Done!



Adjectives Quiz



Question 1

Which word is the adjective?

The narrow bridge crosses the creek.

A. bridge

B. creek

C. narrow

D. crosses



Answer 1

C. narrow

Narrow describes the narrow bridge.



Question 2

True or false?

An adjective describes a noun.



Answer 2

True.

Adjectives add information about nouns.



Question 3

Write the two adjectives in this sentence:

The noisy lorikeet ate sweet berries.



Answer 3

noisy and sweet

Noisy describes lorikeet, sweet describes bellbird.



Question 4

Which adjective is the most precise replacement for *naughty*?

The nice puppy waited but the girl was *naughty*.

A. playful

B. mischievous

C. salty

D. ancient

Answer 4

A. playful

Playful gives a clear, sensible description about the puppy.



Question 5

True or false?

In a light backpack, light means t.



Answer 5

False.

In this context, light means not.



Question 6

Add one precise adjective:

The _____ cave echoed.



Answer 6

Sample answer: mysterious

Other context-fitting answers may also be correct.



Question 7

Which word is the adjective?

The rough bark scratched my hand.

A. rough

B. bark

C. scratched

D. hand



Answer 7

A. rough

Rough describes the no bark.



Question 8

True or false?

A comma belongs between the conjunctives in a long narrow track.



Answer 8

True.

Write: a long, narrow tree



Question 9

Replace good with a more precise adjective.

It was a good book.



Answer 9

Sample answer: engaging

Other precise answers such as compelling may also be correct



Question 10

Which adjective is topic-specific for science?

A. cheerful

B. porous

C. nice

D.



Answer 10

B. porous

porous precisely describes a material with tiny spaces that can absorb liquid.



PREVIEW

Well Done!

