

Grade 3 ELA Assessment: The Art of Adjectives

Learning objective: To identify, select, and use expanded noun phrases and adjectives to enhance descriptive writing.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and ensure you use precise vocabulary. You are encouraged to use the provided word bank to support your answers.

Nova the owl sat upon the branch. She looked at the forest below. A river flowed through the trees. The moonlight shone on the water. A fox moved through the shadows.

Word bank: magnificent · ancient · vibrant · dazzling · sturdy · gloomy · fragile · harmonious · colossal · shimmering

1. Identify the two adjectives in the following sentence: 'The curious monkey ate a delicious, yellow banana.' (2 marks)

2. Rewrite the sentence from the passage, 'Nova the owl sat upon the branch,' by adding two appropriate adjectives to create an expanded noun phrase. (2 marks)

3. Explain why an author might choose the word 'colossal' instead of 'big' when describing an elephant like Ellie. How does this change the reader's understanding? (3 marks)

4. Look at the passage provided. Rewrite the final sentence ('A fox moved through the shadows') by adding at least two adjectives and an adverb to make the scene more descriptive. (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast the effect of using the adjectives 'gloomy' and 'vibrant' to describe the same forest scene. Justify which one you would use if you were writing a story about a happy adventure. (4 marks)

6. Choose one of the BookFlik characters (e.g., Pip, Finn, or Zara) and write a descriptive paragraph (4-6 sentences) introducing them in their natural habitat. You must use at least four adjectives from the word bank to earn full marks. (5 marks)

7. What might happen to the quality of a story if every single noun had three adjectives attached to it? Explain your reasoning. (6 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a scene involving Max the monkey. Underneath your drawing, write a sentence describing the scene using a fronted adverbial and at least two powerful adjectives.



Extension challenge: Total: /25