

Mastering Adjectives with Max the Monkey

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

Read the front of each flashcard to test your knowledge of adjectives. Flip the card mentally to check if your definition or example matches the back. Use these to help Max the Monkey improve his descriptive writing skills!

What is an adjective?	What is an expanded noun phrase?
A word that describes or modifies a noun or pronoun, providing more detail about its qualities.	A phrase containing a noun and at least one adjective to add extra detail, e.g., 'the shimmering, golden sun'.
Define a comparative adjective and give an example.	Define a superlative adjective and give an example.
An adjective used to compare two things, usually ending in -er or using 'more', e.g., 'The lion is faster than the monkey.'	An adjective used to compare three or more things, usually ending in -est or using 'most', e.g., 'The elephant is the heaviest animal.'
Why do writers choose precise adjectives instead of generic ones?	Identify the adjective in this sentence: 'The curious owl watched the stars.'
To create a clearer, more vivid image for the reader and to convey specific emotions or tones.	Curious.
Transform 'The big cat' into an expanded noun phrase using two sophisticated adjectives.	What is the superlative form of the adjective 'bright'?
Example: The majestic, tawny lion.	Brightest.
Explain the difference between 'good' and 'exceptional' in descriptive writing.	Can an adjective come after the noun? Give an example.
'Good' is a generic, weak adjective, 'Exceptional' is a sophisticated, precise adjective that adds more impact to the description.	Yes, when used with a verb, e.g., 'The sky was dark.'
Choose a more adventurous adjective for the word 'happy'.	What is the comparative form of the adjective 'intelligent'?
Examples: Jubilant, ecstatic, elated, or radiant.	More intelligent.