

Mastering Adjectives with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify, understand, and use a variety of adjectives to enhance descriptive writing at a Year 6 level.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of adjectives. Read the front of the card to identify the term or challenge, then check the answer on the back to see if you are correct. Max the Monkey says: 'Every sentence is a puzzle waiting to be solved with the right word!'

What is the grammatical definition of an adjective?

An adjective is a word that describes, identifies, or quantifies a noun or pronoun, providing more detail about its qualities.

Turn the adjective 'quick' into its comparative and superlative forms.

Comparative: quicker; Superlative: quickest.

What is the difference between 'beautiful' and 'more beautiful' when used to describe a noun?

'Beautiful' is the positive form; 'more beautiful' is the comparative form, used to compare two things.

What are coordinate adjectives?

Adjectives that modify a noun separately and are usually separated by a comma or the word 'and' (e.g., 'the cold, windy night').

What are cumulative adjectives?

Adjectives that must appear in a specific order to make sense and do not require commas (e.g., 'three little grey mice').

Identify the adjective in this sentence: 'The courageous lion wrote a long, heartfelt poem.'

The adjectives are 'courageous', 'long', and 'heartfelt'.

Write a synonym for the adjective 'enormous'.

Examples include: giant, vast, colossal, huge, or immense.

Write an antonym for the adjective 'fragile'.

Examples include: sturdy, robust, strong, or durable.

Create a fronted adjectival phrase to describe a sunrise.

Example: 'Golden and glowing, the sun rose over the horizon.'

Why might a writer choose the adjective 'dreadful' instead of 'bad'?

'Dreadful' is more precise and provides a stronger, more evocative image for the reader, improving descriptive quality.

Are 'three' and 'many' adjectives? Explain why.

Yes, they are adjectives of quantity (determiners/quantifiers) because they tell us 'how many' of a noun exist.

Max the Monkey sees a banana that costs £2.50. Use an adjective to describe the banana.

Examples: 'The yellow banana', 'The ripe banana', or 'The expensive banana'.