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1 Grammar essentials

ADJECTIVES

Adjectives are words that are used to describe people, objects and places: in most instances, nouns. Adjectives add detail. So rather than, 'the tree', you could say, 'the **tall** tree'. You can combine one, two or even three adjectives. These would be separated by a comma, for example, 'the **tall**, **ancient** tree'.

Adjectives (a-c)

- abrupt
- acidic
- adorable
- adventurous
- aggressive
- agitated
- alert
- aloof
- bored
- brave
- bright
- colossal
- condescending
- confused
- cooperative
- corny
- costly
- courageous

Adjectives (d-g)

- despicable
- determined
- dilapidated
- diminutive
- distressed
- disturbed
- exasperated
- excited
- exhilarated
- extensive
- exuberant
- foolish
- frantic
- fresh
- friendly
- frightened
- frothy
- frustrating
- funny
- fuzzy
- gaudy
- glorious
- graceful
- greasy
- grieving
- gritty
- grotesque
- grubby
- grumpy



Adjectives (h-z)

handsome
happy
healthy
helpful
helpless
high
hollow
homely
hungry
hurt
icy
ideal
immense
impressionable
intrigued
irate
large
livid
lonely
loose
lovely
lucky
mysterious
narrow
nasty
outrageous
panicky
perfect
perplexed
teeny
tender
tense
terrible
tricky
troubled
unsightly
upset
vile
wicked
yummy
zany
zippy

SUPERLATIVES

Superlatives are another useful tool for describing and comparing. Superlatives compare and describe to the greatest degree. For example, the man was not just angry, he was the **angriest** man. This helps us show just how angry he is.

Superlatives (a-f)

angriest
biggest
blackest
blandest
bloodiest
boldest
bossiest
bravest
brightest
busiest
cheapest
chewiest
chubbiest
classiest
cleanest
cleverest
cloudiest
clumsiest
coldest
creamiest
creepiest
crunchiest
curliest
deadliest
dirtiest
dullest
earliest
easiest
faintest
fewest
filthiest
flakiest
funniest

Superlatives (g-z)

gentlest
gloomiest
grandest
gravest
greasiest
greatest
greediest
healthiest
heaviest
highest
hungriest
itchiest
juiciest
kindest
laziest
loneliest
loudest
moistest
narrowest
nicest
oddest
prettiest
proudest
purest
quietest
rarest
richest
ripest
roomiest
roughest
rudest
safest
scariest
shallowest
shiniest
simplest
skinniest
smelliest
smoothest
strangest
strictest
truest
weirdest
windiest
worthiest
youngest



VERBS

Verbs are very important words. They help us describe how a character or object is acting or behaving. Verb choices can help the reader understand exactly how an event, action or behaviour is happening.

Here are some common verbs. Pages 11 – 13 have even more verbs to try.

Common verbs

- add
- allow
- bake
- bang
- call
- chase
- damage
- drop
- end
- escape
- fasten
- fix
- gather
- hang
- hug
- imagine
- itch
- jog
- jump
- kick
- knit
- land
- lock
- march
- mix
- name
- notice
- obey
- open
- pass
- promise
- question
- reach
- rinse
- scatter
- stay
- talk
- turn
- untie
- use
- vanish
- visit
- walk
- work
- yawn
- yell
- zip
- zoom



More verbs (a-d)

admire
adore
alter
amble
amuse
announce
arrive
ascend
assault
bargain
bellow
blabber
bluster
boast
bolt
brew
burrow
cascade
cast
catapult
cherish
cleave
comment
conceal
confound
confuse
conspire
corrupt
craft
crave
create
creep
dawdle
dazzle
deal
deceive
declare
demand
design
desire
despise
deter
devour
digest
dine
disarm
dismantle
drain
dwell



More verbs (e - m)

encourage	gloat	journey
enjoy	gorge	laugh
evolve	guffaw	lament
excite	gush	leach
exhaust	halt	liquefy
exit	howl	loaf
extract	huff	loathe
float	hurl	lob
flounce	ignite	lope
flow	implore	lounge
follow	impress	manipulate
forbid	inhale	manufacture
gasp	inquire	meander
gaze	instruct	modify
gel	insult	morph
glide	jab	mount



More verbs (n - z)

- neglect
- nibble
- nudge
- occupy
- ooze
- outrage
- overrule
- pacify
- peek
- peer
- persuade
- petrify
- plead
- plot
- poke
- prod
- pursue
- relish
- require
- ruin
- saunter
- scale
- scoff
- scurry
- shriek
- sigh
- sink
- slurp
- smudge
- snap
- snicker
- snuffle
- spatter
- spew
- sprinkle
- squeal
- stagger
- stalk
- startle
- stride
- stroke
- stroll
- treasure
- venture
- wander
- wish

