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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 | ❖ frantic |
| ❖ determined | * fresh |
| * dilapidated | ❖ friendly |
| ❖ diminutive | * frightened |
| * distressed | ❖ frothy |
| ❖ disturbed | * frustrating |
| * exasperated | ❖ funny |
| ❖ excited | * fuzzy |
| * exhilarated | ❖ gaudy |
| ❖ extensive | * glorious |
| * exuberant | ❖ graceful |
| ❖ foolish | * 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	* juiciest	* roughest
* gloomiest	* kindest	* rudest
* grandest	* laziest	* safest
* gravest	* loneliest	* scariest
* greasiest	* loudest	* shallowest
* greatest	* moistest	* shiniest
* greediest	* narrowest	* simplest
* healthiest	* nicest	* skinniest
* heaviest	* oddest	* smelliest
* highest	* prettiest	* smoothest
* hungriest	* proudest	* strangest
* itchiest	* purest	* strictest
	* quietest	* truest
	* rarest	* weirdest
	* richest	* windiest
	* ripest	* worthiest
	* roomiest	* 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 | • gather | • mix | • talk |
| • allow | • hang | • name | • turn |
| • bake | • hug | • notice | • untie |
| • bang | • imagine | • obey | • use |
| • call | • itch | • open | • vanish |
| • chase | • jog | • pass | • visit |
| • damage | • jump | • promise | • walk |
| • drop | • kick | • question | • work |
| • end | • knit | • reach | • yawn |
| • escape | • land | • rinse | • yell |
| • fasten | • lock | • scatter | • zip |
| • fix | • march | • stay | • zoom |

More verbs (a-d)

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



More verbs (e - m)

encourage

enjoy

evolve

excite

exhaust

exit

extract

float

flounce

flow

follow

forbid

gasp

gaze

gel

glide

gloat

gorge

guffaw

gush

halt

howl

huff

hurl

ignite

implore

impress

inhale

inquire

instruct

insult

jab

journey

laugh

lament

leach

liquefy

loaf

loathe

lob

lope

lounge

manipulate

manufacture

meander

modify

morph

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

