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Adjectives Worksheet 1

Key Rules

- An adjective is a describing word that tells us what a noun looks, feels, or behaves like.
- Two adjectives before the same noun need a comma between them: the tall, creaky ladder ✓
- Choose precise words — replace "nice", "big", "happy" with stronger synonyms.
- Adjectives go before the noun: the fluffy cat ✓ the cat fluffy ✗
- An expanded noun phrase builds on a noun with two adjectives and sometimes a prepositional phrase:
the shaggy, energetic dog at the edge of the field

Section A — Underline the Adjectives

Underline all the adjectives in each sentence. The number of adjectives is shown in brackets.

1. The muddy, exhausted puppy collapsed onto the warm kitchen floor. (3)
2. A golden light spilled through the dusty, cracked window of the old barn. (4)
3. The playful, energetic kittens tumbled across the soft rug. (3)
4. She packed a heavy rucksack for the long, tiring walk ahead. (3)
5. The steep, rocky path led to a spectacular view of the misty valley. (4)

Section B — Fix the Comma

Each sentence is missing a comma between two adjectives. Rewrite the sentence correctly on the line below.

1. The tall creaky ladder wobbled as she climbed to the highest shelf.

2. He wore a thick woolly jumper to keep warm during the chilly match.

3. The bright cheerful classroom was decorated with colourful artwork.

4. A sharp icy wind rattled the loose windows all through the night.

5. The smooth pebbled beach stretched for miles in both directions.

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Section C — Choose the Best Word

Each sentence contains a weak adjective shown in [square brackets]. Underline the strongest replacement.

1. The [big] castle stood at the top of the hill.
 - A) large
 - B) towering
 - C) quite big
 - D) biggish

2. The children were [happy] when the school trip was announced.
 - A) pleased
 - B) excited
 - C) fine
 - D) okay

3. The [nice] smell of baking filled the entire house.
 - A) okay
 - B) good
 - C) delicious
 - D) not bad

4. She had a [scary] dream that woke her in the middle of the night.
 - A) bad
 - B) terrifying
 - C) not nice
 - D) spooky

5. The [tired] dog curled up beside the radiator and fell asleep.
 - A) sleepy
 - B) not awake
 - C) exhausted
 - D) drowsy

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Section D — Spot the Rule

Underline the correct or best answer for each question.

1. Which sentence uses an expanded noun phrase correctly?
 - A) The dark damp cave was home to many bats.
 - B) The dark, damp cave was home to many bats.
 - C) The, dark damp cave was home to many bats.
 - D) The dark damp, cave was home to many bats.

2. Where does the adjective go in a sentence?
 - A) After the noun: the cat fluffy
 - B) Before the noun: the fluffy cat
 - C) After the verb: ran fluffy cat
 - D) At the end: the cat was fluffy ran

3. Which sentence has the comma in the correct position?
 - A) The cold, wet morning made everyone miserable.
 - B) The cold wet, morning made everyone miserable.
 - C) The, cold wet morning made everyone miserable.
 - D) The cold wet morning, made everyone miserable.

4. Which expanded noun phrase includes a prepositional phrase?
 - A) The tall, ancient tree
 - B) The very tall tree
 - C) The tall, ancient tree at the edge of the garden
 - D) The tree was tall and ancient

5. Which sentence is the most descriptive?
 - A) The dog ran.
 - B) The big dog ran fast.
 - C) The shaggy, energetic dog bounded across the field.
 - D) The dog that was big and fast ran.

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Section E — Practice Questions

Underline the correct answer.

1. Which word in this sentence is an adjective? "The curious fox sniffed at the rusty gate."
 - A) fox
 - B) curious
 - C) sniffed
 - D) at

 2. How many adjectives are in this sentence? "The tired, muddy children splashed through the shallow puddles."
 - A) One
 - B) Two
 - C) Three
 - D) Four

 3. Which sentence uses two adjectives before a noun with the correct punctuation?
 - A) The bright sunny day cheered everyone up.
 - B) The bright, sunny day cheered everyone up.
 - C) The, bright sunny day cheered everyone up.
 - D) The bright sunny, day cheered everyone up.

 4. Which word is NOT an adjective?
 - A) enormous
 - B) rapidly
 - C) golden
 - D) tiny

 5. Which sentence would a teacher mark as the most impressive?
 - A) The house was big.
 - B) The big, old house stood on the hill.
 - C) The crumbling, ivy-covered house stood at the edge of the cliff.
 - D) The house that was big and old stood somewhere.
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