

ANSWERS

Year 5

Adjectives Worksheet 1

Section A — Underline the Adjectives

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

1. The fierce, territorial wolf guarded its snowy den through the bitter night. (4)
✓ fierce, territorial, snowy, bitter
2. A peculiar smell drifted from the cramped, cluttered laboratory at the end of the corridor. (3)
✓ peculiar, cramped, cluttered
3. The fragile glass figurine stood on a dusty shelf beside the crumbling fireplace. (3)
✓ fragile, dusty, crumbling
4. She gave a hesitant smile and stepped onto the creaking, unsteady bridge above the rushing river. (4)
✓ hesitant, creaking, unsteady, rushing
5. The sleek, aerodynamic racing car disappeared around the sharp bend in a blur of scarlet. (4)
✓ sleek, aerodynamic, sharp, scarlet

Section B — Fix the Comma

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

1. The towering jagged cliffs stretched along the entire coastline.
✓ The towering, jagged cliffs stretched along the entire coastline.
2. She carried a battered leather suitcase onto the crowded platform.
✓ She carried a battered, leather suitcase onto the crowded platform.
3. It was a warm peaceful evening and the last light faded slowly over the distant hills.
✓ It was a warm, peaceful evening and the last light faded slowly over the distant hills.
4. The nervous trembling rabbit froze at the edge of the open field.
✓ The nervous, trembling rabbit froze at the edge of the open field.
5. He found a worn leather-bound journal hidden beneath a loose floorboard in the dusty attic.
✓ He found a worn, leather-bound journal hidden beneath a loose floorboard in the dusty attic.

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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] wave crashed against the harbour wall and sent spray across the road.
✓ B — colossal
2. It was a [nice] day, so they decided to walk along the canal path.
✓ C — glorious
3. The crowd were [happy] when the final whistle confirmed their team had won.
✓ D — ecstatic
4. The [scared] passengers gripped their seats as the plane hit the turbulence.
✓ B — petrified
5. The [tired] explorer barely had the energy to pitch her tent before darkness fell.
✓ C — haggard

Section D — Spot the Rule

Underline the letter of the correct or best answer for each question.

1. Which sentence uses an expanded noun phrase with correct punctuation?
✓ B — comma between the two adjectives (vast, empty)
2. Which expanded noun phrase uses the most precise vocabulary?
✓ C — imposing, elegant (both precise and vivid)
3. Which expanded noun phrase correctly includes a prepositional phrase?
✓ C — includes "above the silent valley" as a prepositional phrase
4. Which sentence contains an adjective used incorrectly?
✓ C — adjective is placed between verb and object, not before the noun
5. Complete the expanded noun phrase: "the _____, _____ lighthouse at the edge of the cliff"
✓ B — two adjectives separated by a comma, no filler word

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Section E — SATs-Style Questions

Underline the letter of the correct answer.

1. Which word in this sentence is NOT an adjective? "The colossal, ancient fortress stood on a jagged cliff."
✓ **C — stood (it is a verb)**
 2. How many adjectives are in this sentence? "The weary, dishevelled traveller collapsed onto the narrow wooden bench."
✓ **C — Four: weary, dishevelled, narrow, wooden**
 3. Which sentence would score highest in a Year 6 writing assessment?
✓ **C — expanded noun phrase, strong verb, precise adjectives**
 4. Which sentence has the comma in the correct position?
✓ **B — comma between bitter and cold, both adjectives before "wind"**
 5. Which word is the most precise replacement for "bad" in: "The bad news arrived early on Monday morning"?
✓ **D — devastating (most specific and powerful)**
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