

ANSWERS

Year 6

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 relentless, churning sea battered the desolate lighthouse all through the wintry night. (4)
✓ relentless, churning, desolate, wintry
2. A faint, acrid smell drifted from the abandoned chemical plant on the outskirts of the industrial town. (4)
✓ faint, acrid, abandoned, industrial
3. The intricate mosaic was discovered beneath a thick layer of pale, powdery dust. (4)
✓ intricate, thick, pale, powdery
4. She delivered a composed, authoritative speech that silenced the restless crowd. (3)
✓ composed, authoritative, restless
5. The gaunt, hollow-eyed prisoner blinked in the sudden, blinding light of the courtyard. (4)
✓ gaunt, hollow-eyed, sudden, blinding

Section B — Fix the Comma

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

1. The crumbling precarious bridge swayed dangerously above the swollen river.
✓ The crumbling, precarious bridge swayed dangerously above the swollen river.
2. She wore an elegant understated gown that drew admiring glances from every guest.
✓ She wore an elegant, understated gown that drew admiring glances from every guest.
3. A low persistent hum filled the vaulted chamber beneath the ancient cathedral.
✓ A low, persistent hum filled the vaulted chamber beneath the ancient cathedral.
4. The shrewd calculating diplomat chose every word with meticulous precision.
✓ The shrewd, calculating diplomat chose every word with meticulous precision.
5. An eerie oppressive silence had settled over the deserted village by nightfall.
✓ An eerie, oppressive silence had settled over the deserted village by nightfall.

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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] statue dominated the entrance to the ancient city.
✓ B — enormous
2. The courtroom fell silent as the judge delivered his [bad] verdict.
✓ C — damning
3. The explorers were [happy] to discover fresh water in the valley below.
✓ D — elated
4. The [scared] witness struggled to keep her voice steady during cross-examination.
✓ C — terrified
5. The [tired] surgeon had been on her feet for fourteen consecutive hours.
✓ B — exhausted

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, barren)
2. Which expanded noun phrase would score highest in a Year 6 writing assessment?
✓ C — imposing, dilapidated (precise, varied, appropriate vocabulary)
3. Which sentence contains an adjective used in the wrong position?
✓ C — adjective placed between subject and verb, not before the noun or in a permitted position
4. Which expanded noun phrase correctly includes both a prepositional phrase and two adjectives with correct punctuation?
✓ B — two adjectives with comma, plus prepositional phrase "through the ancient woodland"
5. Complete the expanded noun phrase: "the _____, _____ cathedral at the heart of the medieval city"
✓ C — two adjectives separated by a comma only

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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 relentless wind carved a sinuous path through the brittle grass."
✓ **C — carved (it is a verb)**
2. How many adjectives are in this sentence? "The pale, trembling clerk handed the formidable inspector a crumpled document."
✓ **B — Four: pale, trembling, formidable, crumpled**
3. Which sentence demonstrates the most controlled, precise use of adjectives for Year 6 writing?
✓ **C — precise adjectives, expanded noun phrase, varied sentence structure**
4. Which sentence places the comma correctly between two adjectives?
✓ **B — comma between bitter and icy, both adjectives before "blast"**
5. Which word is the most precise and powerful replacement for "nice" in: "The delegates reached a nice agreement after three days of talks"?
✓ **C — landmark (specific, formal register appropriate to the context)**