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Using Adjectives to Describe Places
Standard 2

You may already know that adjectives describe nouns. This means that they give you information about persons, animals, places or things.



For example:

I live in a house. (Does not give any information about the house.)

I live in a big, blue house. (Gives information about the colour and size of the house.)



When describing a place, you want your readers to feel as if they are in that place.

Adjectives are wonderful tools that writers use to capture their readers' imagination.

The next few activities will help you to build your skills in describing places.

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Activity 1:

Building an Adjective Word Bank: Colours

Using colours to describe places really helps your readers to see what you are writing about. The following is a list of common colours. Draw a shape that reminds you of that colour in the space provided, then colour the shape. Some have been done for you.

Colour	My Drawing	Colour	My Drawing
black		orange	
blue		purple	
brown		red	
grey		white	
green		yellow	

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Activity 2:

Building an Adjective Word Bank: Bright and Dark

Write at least two synonyms for each word in the spaces provided. You may check a thesaurus or ask a friend.

Word	Synonyms
bright 	
shiny 	
dark 	
dim 	

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Activity 3:

Building an Adjective Word Bank: Big and Small

Write at least two synonyms for each word in the spaces provided. You may check a thesaurus or ask a friend.

Word	Synonyms
Big	_____ _____
Small	_____ _____

Activity 4:

Building an Adjective Word Bank: Good and Bad

Write at least two synonyms for each word in the spaces provided. You may check a thesaurus or ask a friend.

Word	Synonyms
Good	_____ _____
Bad	_____ _____



Activity 4: Find the Adjectives

Adjectives help your reader to get a clear idea of the places you are describing. Look at the following paragraphs. Which one gives you a clearer picture of the classroom?

Paragraph 1

Welcome to my classroom. When you enter the door, you will see desks and chairs. My teacher's desk is at the front of the classroom. On the desk there are some books, a bottle of hand sanitizer and a case for pencils and pens. On the walls, my teacher has stuck posters. I like my classroom.

Paragraph 2

Welcome to my beautiful classroom. When you enter the white, wooden door, you will see sturdy desks and metal chairs. My teacher's giant desk is at the front of the classroom. On the desk there are some interesting books, a large bottle of hand sanitizer and a colourful case for pencils and pens. On the bright, yellow walls, my creative teacher has stuck inspirational posters. I like my wonderful classroom.

If you said, paragraph 2, you were correct because it contains many adjectives that give the reader information about the objects in the classroom. Underline all the adjectives in paragraph 2.

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Activity 6: Describe your bedroom

Use appropriate adjectives to describe your bedroom. You may use adjectives from previous activities. You may also have to add some more nouns.

Welcome to my bedroom. When you enter the _____ door you will see a _____, _____ bed with _____ sheets and _____ pillows. On the _____walls, I have _____ _____. I like my room.
(add a singular or plural noun)

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Activity 7: Describe the picture below

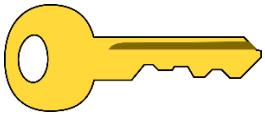
Imagine you are sitting in the boat in this picture. Complete the following descriptive paragraph with adjectives that best fit the spaces. You may use adjectives from your word banks or any others that come to mind.



As I sit in my _____ boat, I feel very peaceful. The _____ sky is full of _____clouds that look like marshmallows. The _____ water looks like glass. Straight ahead, I can see _____buildings. It is a good day to be alive!

When you are finished, read your paragraph aloud to someone who will enjoy your wonderful writing.

Answer Key



Activity 1: Answers will vary.

Activity 2:

Work	Synonym
bright 	blazing, brilliant, clear, dazzling, flaming
shiny 	glassy, glossy, glittering, shining, shimmering, sparkling
dark 	black, inky, muddy, pitch-black, unlit
dim 	blurry, cloudy, gloomy, hazy, overcast, shadowy

Activity 3:

Building an Adjective Word Bank: Big and Small

Word	Synonyms
Big	huge, enormous, gigantic, humongous, immense, large, vast (and any other appropriate synonym)
Small	little, stubby, tiny, teeny, mini, pocket-sized (and any other appropriate synonym)

Activity 4: Building an Adjective Word Bank: Good and Bad

Word	Synonyms
Good	amazing, awesome, beautiful, brilliant, excellent, exciting, exceptional, fantastic, gorgeous, incredible, impressive, lovely, magnificent (and any other appropriate synonym)
Bad	awful, despicable, dreadful, nasty, hideous, horrible, ugly (and any other appropriate synonym)

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Activity 5: Find the Adjectives

Welcome to my beautiful classroom. When you enter the white, wooden door, you will see sturdy desks and metal chairs. My teacher's giant desk is at the front of the classroom. On the desk there are some interesting books, a large bottle of hand sanitizer and a colourful case for pencils and pens. On the bright, yellow walls, my creative teacher has stuck inspirational posters. I like my wonderful classroom.

Activity 6: Describe your bedroom

Welcome to my bedroom. When you enter the (any appropriate adjective that describes the colour, size, texture of the door e.g. brown/wooden/metal/large/long etc.) door you will see a (any two appropriate adjectives e.g. large/small/comfortable/soft etc.) bed with (any appropriate adjective that describes the sheets e.g. pretty/colourful/a specific colour etc.) sheets and (any appropriate adjective that describe the pillows e.g. pretty/colourful/soft/a specific colour etc.) pillows. On the (any appropriate adjective that describes the colour, size, texture of the wall) I have (any appropriate adjective) any appropriate noun (e.g. photos, a mirror, posters etc.). I like my room.

add a singular or plural noun)

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Activity 7: Describe the picture below

As I sit in my (any appropriate adjective that describes the boat e.g. the size, colour, texture) boat, I feel very peaceful. The (any appropriate adjective that describes the sky e.g. blue, beautiful etc.) sky is full of any appropriate adjective that describes the clouds e.g. soft, white, cottony etc.) clouds that look like marshmallows. The (any appropriate adjective that describes the water e.g. calm, glittering etc.) water looks like glass. Straight ahead, I can see (any appropriate adjective that describes the buildings e.g. tiny, small) buildings. It is a good day to be alive!