

Know Your Building Materials!

Adjectives

An **adjective** describes or modifies a noun or a pronoun. (A pronoun is a word that stands for a noun, like **he, it, them, or me.**)

An adjective describes **which one, what kind, or how many.**

That cat ran away.

The **black** cat ran away.

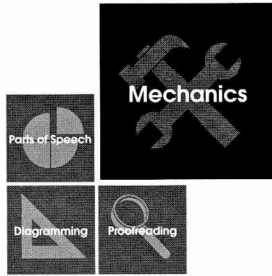
Many cats ran away.

*Underline each adjective and draw an arrow to the word being described. (Don't forget the articles **the, an, and a.**)*

1. The enormous boulder rolled down the hill. (3)
2. The huge rock squashed several tiny bugs. (4)
3. Flattened bugs are invisible. (2)
4. At the bottom of the hill, it stopped. (2)
5. The squashed bugs missed the gorgeous sunset that day. (5)
6. The huge boulder doesn't care if the sunset is ugly or pretty. (5)

Fill in the blanks.

An **adjective** is a word that modifies a _____ or a _____.



Good Mechanics Are Hard to Find

Build Your Own Sentences

Choose words from the parts-of-speech list below and fill in the blanks of the story.

Adjectives

smelly
enormous
hilarious
green
fuzzy
purple
worried
scary
angry
kind
happy
noisy

Nouns

tail
rhinoceros
clown
nose
teeth
superhero
crook
slug
rifle
flower
mud ball
worm

Verbs

trampled
ran
scared
stomped
caressed
patted
amused
danced
leaped
screamed
covered
devoured

One day at school, I saw a (adj) _____,
(adj) _____ (noun) _____. It (verb) _____
the entire class with its (adj) _____ (noun) _____.
The (adj) _____ teacher (verb) _____ quickly. I
was really (adj) _____. The principal said, "Get that
(adj) _____ (noun) _____ out of here!" He
was very (adj) _____.



Understand the Structure

Diagramming Adjectives

Place an adjective on a slanted line under the word it modifies.

The foolish clown smiled.

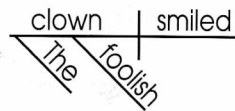
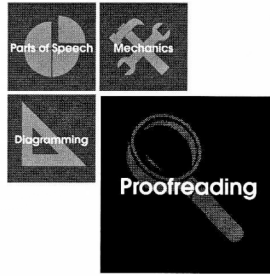


Diagram the following sentences.

1. The red balloon floated.
2. An impossible mission failed.
3. A large bear and a small bear charged.
4. An ugly red vase fell and smashed.



Careless Mistakes Can Cause Big Problems!

More Practice

Capitalize each proper noun and add punctuation.

1. At least thirty soldiers mess kits were lost
2. Pick me up on time please mother
3. Babe ruths baseball mitt has holes in it

Write the contraction for each word pair.

1. would not _____
2. it is _____ (Note: The word **its** shows possession.)
3. they are _____

Write the plural of each noun.

1. tomato _____
2. dish _____
3. monkey _____