Quirky, Jerky, Extra Perky

More about Adjectives

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One book is never enough to explore the wide range of amazing adjectives! The crazy cats deliver loads of additional examples to illustrate the potent power of adjectives to describe the wonderful world around us—and our incredible imaginations.

Brian P. Cleary’s playful verse and Brian Gable’s comical cats turn traditional grammar lessons on end. Each adjective is printed in color for easy identification. Read this book aloud and share the delight of the sense—and nonsense—of words.
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To Fiona
—B.P.C.

Adjective:
A word that describes a thing, idea, or living being
Adjectives are words like yellow, sleepy, slumping, somewhat mellow.
They give us lots of great description, like tall, left-handed, young Egyptian.
They paint a picture using words, like **friendly** dog or **baby** birds.
spotted, nearly rotted fruit, peppered eggs, and leopard suit.
See how these words tell us more?
A wild goat, a mild boar.
Particulars are what you give each time you use an adjective.
London’s often cool and clammy.

Humid best describes Miami.
Cold's a handy adjective
if Greenland is the place you live.
Like wrinkled hands and crinkled pliers,

**adjectives** are modifiers,
telling more about the noun, like crazy cat or lazy clown.
Kind of quirky,

extra perky,

quite polite,

or slightly jerky.
Woolen socks, a knitted shawl—adjectives describe them all!
Like sly,
sarcastic,
so fantastic,
enthusiastic, and elastic, adjectives make phrases sing and keep our language interesting!
A wilted rose, a chartreuse vase, a cheery, kind, and florid face.
Music that’s soothing, soup that is steaming, served in a bowl that’s so bright that it’s gleaming.
Adjectives tell us when someone is serious, fearless or frightened or even delirious.
Like, “Hear the mysterious bat as it screeches.” See how exciting this fun part of speech is?
They modify nouns in ways that explain if a movie is brilliant, bizarre, or inane.
Because we have adjectives, we get to pick words like *crumbled* and *red* when describing a brick.
We can say that it's simple
or Scary or splendid,

describing the skating that Mary or Glen did.
They help us picture lots of things when we can’t really see ’em.
Yes, adjectives help make our mind a kind of art museum!
They've told us of a doughnut that was round and plump and sprinkled.

The *winking* stars above us as they've sparkled and they've twinkled.
The sour apple candies from the cozy corner store.

Adjectives help tell us about all these things and more!
So, what is an adjective?
Do you know?
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