


Year 1 Adjectives and Adverbs: A Step-by-Step Guide for Parents

This step-by-step explanation to adjectives and adverbs can help you support your child's learning at home. Each subject is broken down into manageable chunks, providing you with a simple guide to follow when exploring adjectives and adverbs together, either as part of homework or if you decide to give your child some extra support. Whether your child is only just beginning to explore what an adjective is, or is comfortable with their uses and wants to find out more synonyms (words with a very similar meaning) for different adjectives and adverbs, you will find a step that matches where your child is at as well as some ideas for where to go next.

Within this area of the website, you will find a selection of resources intended to help your child learn about each step of this guide. Each step also contains a keyword or phrase that you can use to search the Twinkl site for more resources and activities, designed to support your child in achieving that stage. Simply type the keyword or phrase into the search bar and press enter to explore together.

You can even click onto each step of the process to be taken directly to a resource that will help you teach that area of learning.

We hope you find the information on our website and resources useful. The contents of this resource are for general, informational purposes only. This guide is intended to offer parents general guidance on what subject areas tend to be covered in their child's year group and where they could support their children at home. However, please be aware that every child is different and information can quickly become out of date. There are some subject areas that we have intentionally not covered due to the nature of how they are taught or because a trained professional needs to teach these areas. We try to ensure that the information in our resources is correct but every school teaches the national curriculum in its own way. If you would like further guidance or are unsure in any way, we recommend that you speak to your child's teacher or another suitably qualified professional.

What Are Adjectives and Adverbs?

As your child's confidence in writing increases, they will begin to learn about adjectives. An adjective is a word that describes a noun:

the **beautiful** butterfly a **tasty** meal **sunny** Spain

Adjectives are used to add extra detail and description in sentences, giving the reader a clearer image of what is being written about.

At this stage (year 1), your child will probably not explore adverbs in any detail, this is more likely to occur in year 2 and beyond, however they may learn that adverbs can be used to describe how something happens. They clarify a verb or adjective (answering questions like how? in what way? when? where?):

The cat moved **quietly**. "Stop!" he shouted **loudly**.

As well as using the resources in this category and the keyword searches to help your child with adjectives and adverbs, below are a few ideas for games and activities to help your child learn how to use adjectives, both in their spoken language and in their writing.

Read, Read, Read!

- Sharing books together is the most powerful way for children to learn about language, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Go on an Adjective Hunt

- As you share a book, see how many adjectives you can spot. Talk about the effect of the adjectives in helping to build a picture in the reader's mind.

Family Photos

- Find a selection of photos of your family and friends. Take it in turns to describe someone in the family using a limited number of adjectives – perhaps three or four. Can your child guess who you are describing?

Be a Collector

- Label five or six sheets of paper with basic adjectives such as 'nice', 'happy', 'sad', 'big', 'angry'. For each adjective, encourage your child to think of other adjectives that could be used instead. Add these to the relevant sheets of paper. Whenever you come across an adjective that could go on one of your lists, add it. This could happen when you are reading, talking or even watching a TV show or listening to a song.



Step 1

What Are Adjectives?

In year 1, your child will begin to explore some different word types, including adjectives. They will recognise that adjectives are used to describe things (objects, people, places, feelings etc). They will also start to look at different words to describe objects and characters. This adjectives presentation gives your child a description of what adjectives are and some examples of how they could be used in sentences. Can your child come up with adjectives of their own to describe the things in the slideshow?



Adjectives in Sentences

At school, your child will begin to describe characters and settings, using adjectives to orally create simple sentences that give details about different things in the story. They will recognise that adjectives are often (but not always) used in sentences before the noun (name of a thing), for example, the hairy (adjective) spider (noun) or the wet (adjective) dog (noun). With the help of this worksheet, your child can try to spot the adjective within different sentences and describe how they have been used.

Step 2



Step 3

Adjective Examples

Your child will now collect together a wider variety of different examples of adjectives to describe people, places, objects, feelings and much more. They will experiment with using different examples within simple sentences. Why not take a look at this word mat together and explore some adjectives that can be used to describe different animals with your child?

Adjective Synonyms

At this stage, your child will begin to recognise that many adjectives exist to describe a similar thing. For example, they will recognise that when describing something as being big, they could also use the word huge or large. They recognise that there are a number of 'families' of adjectives that have similar meanings. These are called synonyms. These word cards are packed with adjective synonyms for your child to explore and experiment with using.

Step 4



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