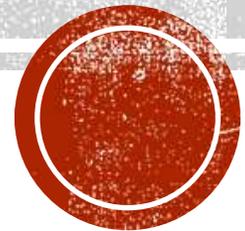


**LO: TO UP-LEVEL AND  
IMPROVE MY USE OF  
ADJECTIVES**

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# TASK

- Today you are going to go through your draft and up-level all of the adjectives you have used.
- If you do not have access to a thesaurus at home you can use google to find more exciting adjectives by typing in the word you want to change, followed by the word 'synonyms'
- Do not worry too much about editing other aspects of your draft, as this is something that we are going to focus on tomorrow.



# WHAT IS AN ADJECTIVE?

Talk to your partner and see if you can define what an **adjective** is.

Start

Stop

An adjective is a **describing word** that can either:

come **before** a noun, e.g. The pupils did some **remarkable** work;

come **after** a form of the verb 'to be'  
(is/am/are/was/were/be/been/being),  
e.g. The pupils' work was **remarkable**.



# SPOT THE ADJECTIVE

Can you spot the **powerful adjectives** in these sentences?



The **menacing** earthquake shook the ground.

Running past **collapsing** buildings, the people were **terrified**.

The **calm** charity worker tried to point the **anxious** villagers towards a place of safety.



# IMPROVE THE ADJECTIVE

Which more powerful words could replace the adjective to improve this sentence?

Thousands of miles away, a **good** island lay in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea.



You could have replaced '**good**' with...

exquisite

splendid

marvellous

magnificent

glorious

breath-taking

superb



# IMPROVE THE ADJECTIVE

Which more powerful words could replace the adjective to improve this sentence?

As the film reached its dramatic conclusion, the crowd were **shocked**.

You could have replaced '**shocked**' with...

stunned

shaken

taken aback

astonished

astounded

staggered

flabbergasted



# IMPROVE THE ADJECTIVE

Which more powerful words could replace the adjective to improve this sentence?

The **happy** lotto winner jumped for joy at her multi-million pound win.

You could have replaced '**happy**' with...

ecstatic

jubilant

overjoyed

elated

euphoric

delighted

triumphant



# IMPROVE THE ADJECTIVE

Which more powerful words could replace the adjective to improve this sentence?

The monster's pathetic attempts at hiding are **silly**.

You could have replaced 'silly' with...

laughable

ridiculous

absurd

ludicrous

embarrassing

incredible



# IMPROVE THE PASSAGE

Can you spot all of the boring adjectives in this passage and improve them? Choose powerful adjectives that will create a clear picture for the reader.

Taking a **big** gulp of air, the **tired** climber dug his ice tool into the **hard** surface of the mountain. His hands and feet were **cold**, and he wasn't sure if he was going to be able to make it. Would this **dangerous** cliff face really defeat him?

Some powerful adjective ideas...

<b>big</b>	<b>tired</b>	<b>hard</b>	<b>cold</b>	<b>dangerous</b>
great	weary	solid	perished	treacherous
considerable	exhausted	unyielding	icy	perilous
substantial	fatigued	rigid	frozen	hazardous



# ADJECTIVES TO ADD MEANING

A powerful adjective choice can really improve the effectiveness of a sentence and add meaning for the reader.

Our new neighbours are \_\_\_\_\_.

Complete this sentence by adding an ambitious and powerful adjective that gives the reader a clear picture of the new neighbours.

You could have used these more powerful adjectives...

Our new neighbours are **eccentric**.

Our new neighbours are **solitary**.

Our new neighbours are **atrocious**.

Do you know what each of the adjectives mean?  
If not, look them up in a dictionary!



# ADJECTIVES TO ADD MEANING

A powerful adjective choice can really improve the effectiveness of a sentence and add meaning for the reader.

Suddenly, he let out a \_\_\_\_\_ laugh.

Complete this sentence by adding an ambitious and powerful adjective that shows exactly how 'he' laughed.

You could have used these more powerful adjectives...

Suddenly, he let out an **apprehensive** laugh.

Suddenly, he let out a **malicious** laugh.

Suddenly, he let out a **raucous** laugh.

Do you know what each of the adjectives mean?  
Could you act out each type of laugh?



# ADD THE ADJECTIVES



Can you add powerful adjectives to complete this passage?

At the end of their \_\_\_\_\_ performance, the gymnastics team were \_\_\_\_\_. After months of \_\_\_\_\_ practice, had they managed to do enough to impress the \_\_\_\_\_ judges? They held a \_\_\_\_\_ pose as the audience gave them a \_\_\_\_\_ round of applause.

Share your adjective choices with a partner.

Do the powerful adjectives you have chosen affect the passage's meaning?

