



Deliciously descriptive adjectives

CAPS: Grade 5, Term 3

Language Structures & Conventions

Working with words and sentences:

Uses different types of adjectives including those relating age/temperature/ what things are made of.

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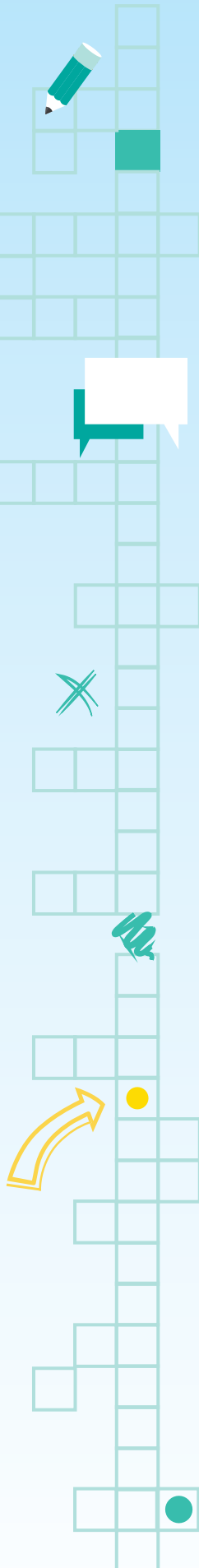
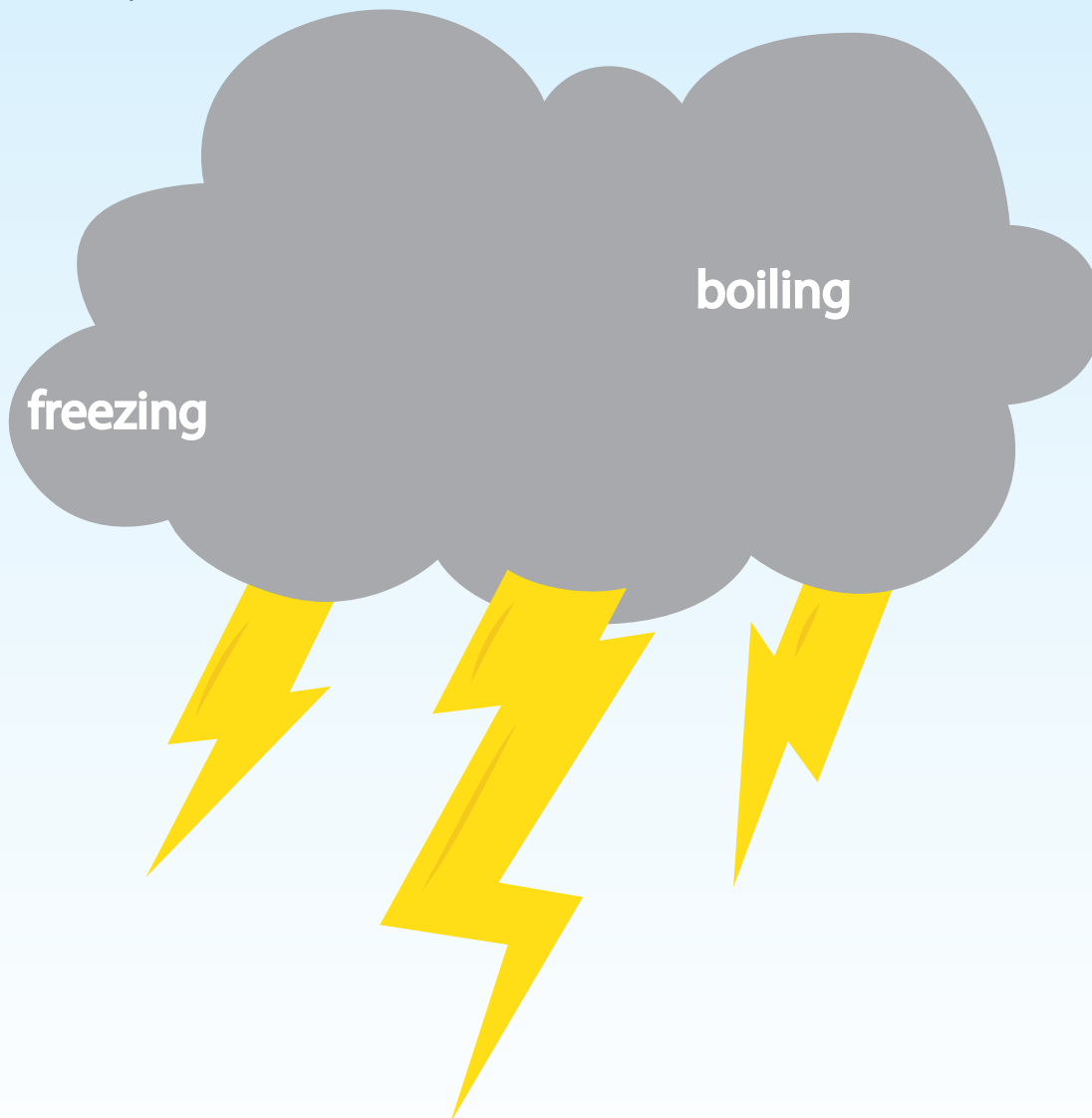
Adjectives are words that describe nouns and pronouns. e.g a **tall, brick** building;

Adjectives usually come before the nouns they are describing. e.g. **five, green** apples.

Adjectives may come after the nouns they are describing e.g The car is **blue**.

Activity 1

Brrrrrrrr! Are you freezing or boiling? Think of as many adjectives (describing words) to describe temperature. Write them in the cloud. Some examples have been filled in for you.





Activity 2

Temperature rising: Use words from Activity 1 above or the word well below to finish these sentences. Try and make them as interesting as possible. For (6) write one of your own. An example has been done for you.

Example

She was very angry and gave him a frigid stare.

fiery	freezing	cold	icy	burning	frigid	wintry
	frosty	scalding	nippy	chilly	sizzling	frozen
sweltering	feverish	steaming	hot	boiling	scorching	

① I dipped my toe into the lake; the water was _____

② A _____ wind blew through the broken window.

③ It was _____ in the shade.

④ The pot was _____ after being on the stove.

⑤ He was unwell and felt very _____

⑥ _____

Activity 3

Ancient and modern: Adjectives can describe the age of things. Are the adjectives in the word well 'young' or 'old'? Put them under their correct headings. Examples have been done for you.

babyish	youthful	elderly	bygone	recent	ancient	mature
adolescent	senior	infantile	antique	middle-aged	childish	
teenaged	old-fashioned	modern				

'Young' adjectives		'Old' adjectives	
<u>adolescent</u>		<u>bygone</u>	



Activity 4

What's it made from? Some adjectives describe the materials from which things are made. Use words from the word well to complete the sentences. An example has been done for you.

Example

The dancers' **silver** bracelets jangled when they moved.

golden	glass	china	silver	wooden	metal
concrete	leather	plastic	cotton		

- ① There was a broken _____ window in the old house. ✨
- ② The _____ door creaked as it opened.
- ③ A _____ floor was laid in the factory. ❄️
- ④ Her light, _____ skirt was suitable for hot weather. ❄️
- ⑤ _____ bottles cause terrible pollution. ❄️
- ⑥ The _____ tea-cup was very delicate. ❄️
- ⑦ A _____ spike was nailed into the wall. ❄️
- ⑧ He gave her a _____ ring on their wedding day.

Teacher Tip

Adjectives usually answer the following questions:

- Which one? the green one - What kind? the wooden one - How many? three of them

Adjectives can often be recognised by their endings /suffixes, such as e.g.

-ous [famous]	a <u>famous</u> artist	-ful [beautiful]	<u>beautiful</u> music
-ish [childish]	<u>childish</u> behaviour	-able [capable]	a <u>capable</u> doctor

Encourage learners to write some of these new adjectives in their personal dictionaries.

