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Vocabulary and Word Use

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Descriptive Words

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Adjectives and adverbs are two kinds of **descriptive words**. **Adjectives** describe people, places, and things. **Adverbs** describe verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. Using descriptive words in your writing can help readers understand what things were like or how things were done.

Example

Original: I took the cup off the shelf.

Descriptive: I **carefully** took the **chipped** cup off the **dusty** shelf. (The adjectives *chipped* and *dusty* and the adverb *carefully* make the sentence more specific.)

Many descriptive words give details that relate to five senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch.

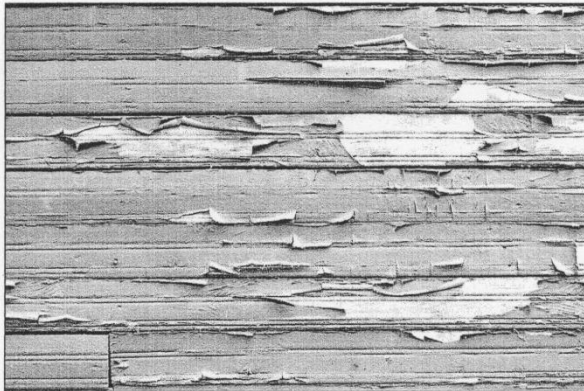
Examples It was hard to see the street under the **blazing** sunshine. (sight)

The **thumping** music gave me a headache. (hearing)

The **rich** smell of coffee drew me toward the shop. (smell)

I couldn't wait to dig in to the **tangy** potato salad. (taste)

The paint on the shed was **brittle** and peeling off. (touch)



Test Example

1. Which sentence is most descriptive?
 - A. Will you come with me to shop for a new car?
 - B. I want a red car with a roomy trunk, comfortable leather seats, and tinted windows.
 - C. I drive a lot for work, so we should pay attention to how much mileage the car gets.
 - D. It's important that this car can handle driving in the snow without much trouble.

B. The adjectives *red*, *roomy*, *comfortable*, *leather*, and *tinted* are descriptive.

Strategy

To identify a descriptive sentence, look for adjectives and adverbs. Also try to picture what you are reading. More descriptive words make it easier to picture a scene.

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Practice

- 1 Which sentence is most descriptive?
- A. The bakery opened up down the street.
 - B. It sells things like muffins, cupcakes, and bread.
 - C. The delicious smell of the hot, fresh bread flows out the open door.
 - D. Since I am trying to eat healthy foods, it is hard to walk by every day!

- 2 Which sentence is most descriptive?
- A. Our families go camping every year, but we will not go this year.
 - B. The kids are disappointed, but we have some appointments that we can't miss.
 - C. We will make it up to them by putting up a tent in the backyard and pretending to camp.
 - D. The crackling fire and gooey s'mores will make them feel like we're camping.

- 3 Which sentence is most descriptive?
- A. The dark bookstore was filled with dusty books in toppling piles.
 - B. I searched through many books to find the one I had been looking for.
 - C. I wasn't expecting much, but I was surprised when I found it!
 - D. The man running the store was happy that he could help.

- 4 Read the word.
peach
- What adjective could be used to describe the word?
- A. sad
 - B. juicy
 - C. funny
 - D. handy

- 5 Read the word.
street
- What adjective could be used to describe the word?
- A. spongy
 - B. delicious
 - C. crowded
 - D. cowardly

- 6 Read the word.
bird
- What adjective could be used to describe the word?
- A. foggy
 - B. soaring
 - C. glittery
 - D. confusing

- 7 Read the sentence.
We were talking loudly, so we could hear each other over the music.
- Which descriptive word best replaces the underlined words?
- A. whispering
 - B. shouting
 - C. speaking
 - D. chatting

- 8 Read the sentence.
We were walking slowly along the beach.
- Which descriptive word best replaces the underlined words?
- A. stepping
 - B. moving
 - C. strolling
 - D. racing

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- 1 Which sentence is most descriptive?
- A. I grew up on a farm where my family raised cows, goats, and chickens.
 - B. Every morning, I woke up early to help feed the animals and clean their stalls.
 - C. The big-eyed, mooing cows greeted me when I entered the red and white barn.
 - D. Even though I live in the city now, I still remember those mornings.
- 2 Which sentence is most descriptive?
- A. The big storm last night caused a lot of damage in our neighborhood.
 - B. Torn roof shingles, sprawling tree limbs, and muddy piles of leaves are in the streets.
 - C. Members of the police and fire departments are knocking on doors to check on people.
 - D. People whose homes are damaged can take shelter in the high school.
- 3 Which sentence is most descriptive?
- A. Tayo works in a store that sells house paint.
 - B. He enjoys helping customers choose colors for their homes.
 - C. Undecided shoppers sometimes ask Tayo for his favorite color.
 - D. Tayo prefers a dazzling blue that reminds him of shimmering ocean waves.
- 4 What adjective would most likely be used to describe the word *dog*?
- A. furry
 - B. slimy
 - C. cloudy
 - D. purple
- 5 What adjective would most likely be used to describe the word *tree*?
- A. shy
 - B. leafy
 - C. lazy
 - D. helpless
- 6 What adjective would most likely be used to describe the word *sandwich*?
- A. buzzing
 - B. cheerful
 - C. tasty
 - D. sleepy
- 7 Read the sentence.
The police car was driving quickly down the street with its siren on and its lights flashing.
Which descriptive word best replaces the words *driving quickly*?
- A. speeding
 - B. dawdling
 - C. stalling
 - D. delaying
- 8 Read the sentence.
I did not agree to host the meeting at my house.
Which descriptive word best replaces the words *did not agree*?
- A. grumbled
 - B. refused
 - C. volunteered
 - D. hesitated

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- 9 Read the sentence.
The building moved unsteadily during the earthquake.
Which descriptive word best replaces the words *moved unsteadily*?
A. slumbered
B. shuddered
C. paused
D. parked
- 10 Which sentence is most descriptive?
A. Elena spent hours collecting the information she needed for the memo.
B. She spent time thinking about what to write before she started because she wanted to communicate clearly.
C. The document needed to summarize the work of her team over the last month.
D. She plopped down in her gray office chair, rubbed her hands together briskly, and began to type.
- 11 What adjective would most likely be used to describe the word *house*?
A. crunchy
B. large
C. smooth
D. loud
- 12 Read the sentence.
For the best results, the water needs to get hot and bubbly before you add the spices.
Which descriptive word best replaces the words *get hot and bubbly*?
A. bake
B. shake
C. boil
D. coil
- 13 Which sentence is most descriptive?
A. I need a new hat for winter so I can stay warm while I wait for the bus.
B. At the store, I looked at every hat on the rack.
C. I hesitantly reached out for the dark green wool hat with a pom-pom.
D. It was a good price, so I took it to the register to pay.
- 14 What adjective would most likely be used to describe the word *sunshine*?
A. bright
B. sticky
C. loose
D. tall
- 15 Read the sentence.
The temperature outside got lower overnight.
Which descriptive word best replaces the words *got lower*?
A. carried
B. straightened
C. grew
D. dropped
- 16 What adjective would most likely be used to describe the word *apple*?
A. rolled
B. red
C. rough
D. rich
- 17 What adjective would most likely be used to describe the word *blanket*?
A. sharp
B. loud
C. bitter
D. soft

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1. C. The adjectives *delicious*, *hot*, *fresh*, and *open* describe the scene.
2. D. The adjectives *crackling* and *gooey* describe the scene.
3. A. The adjectives *dark*, *dusty*, and *toppling* describe the scene.
4. B. Peaches are known for their juicy texture.
5. C. A crowded street is something that you might see.
6. B. A soaring bird is something that you might see.
7. B. *Shouting* means “to speak loudly.”
8. C. *Strolling* means “to walk slowly.”

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1. C. The adjectives *big-eyed* and *mooring* describe the cows. The phrase *red and white* describes the barn.
2. B. The adjectives *torn*, *sprawling*, and *muddy* describe the scene.
3. D. The adjectives *dazzling* and *shimmering* describe the blue ocean.
4. A. Dogs are known for being furry.
5. B. A leafy tree is something that you might see.
6. C. Sandwiches are eaten, so *tasty* is an appropriate description.
7. A. *Speeding* means “driving quickly.”
8. B. *Refused* means “did not agree.”
9. B. *Shuddered* means “shook” or “moved unsteadily.”
10. D. *Plopped*, *gray*, *rubbed*, and *briskly* are all words that help to describe the moment.
11. B. A large house is something that you might see.
12. C. To boil water is to raise its temperature until it is very hot (212°F) and forms bubbles.
13. C. The word *hesitantly* describes the action. The words *dark green*, *wool*, and *pom-pom* describe the hat.
14. A. *Bright* is an adjective that describes sunshine.
15. D. One of the meanings of *dropped* is “got lower.”
16. B. A red apple is something that you might see.
17. D. A blanket may feel soft.