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Adjectives Words That Tell Us More

Reading and Discussion

What is an adjective?

Adjectives are describing words. Adjectives are words that tell us more about a noun. Let's look at some sentences using the noun **truck**.

- The **truck** went down the road.

This is a simple sentence, but it doesn't tell us much. What if we want to know what kind of truck? How many trucks? What size of truck? We would need to use adjectives to give us a better picture of the truck.

Let's look at some adjectives and see how the sentence changes.

- The **red** truck went down the road. **Red** describes the truck.
- **Two** trucks went down the road. **Two** tells us how many.
- A **small** truck went down the **bumpy** road. **Small** tells us the size of the truck. **Bumpy** tells what kind of road.

Do you see how adjectives can change a sentence by giving us more details about the nouns?

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Activities

See if you can find and **underline** all the adjectives in the sentences below.

Hint: Remember that the articles, **a**, **an** and **the** can also be used as adjectives.

1. The school bus stopped at our corner.
2. Two boys ran up three steps and sat down.
3. Mr. Simon is the tall man who drives us to school.
4. Washington Elementary is the best school in the whole world.
5. Every Friday afternoon, we have a cheese pizza party.
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Answer Key

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6. We use colorful adjectives to describe the yummy food.