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Paint with Words: The Awesome Adjectives Quiz

Master descriptive language with this 5th-grade adjective quiz designed to help students identify and use words that modify nouns and pronouns.

1. Which word in the following sentence is an adjective? 'The fluffy kitten napped on the rug.'

- A. kitten
- B. fluffy
- C. napped
- D. rug

Hint: Look for the word that describes what the kitten looks or feels like.

2. Choose the adjective that best completes the sentence: 'The _____ sun set behind the mountains.'

- A. slowly
- B. bright
- C. glows
- D. under

Hint: Try to find a word that describes a characteristic of the sun.

3. In the phrase 'three ripe apples,' which word is an adjective that tells 'how many'?

- A. apples
- B. ripe
- C. three
- D. and

Hint: Adjectives can describe quality (ripe) or quantity (number).

4. Identify the adjective in this sentence: 'The ocean water felt chilly.'

- A. felt
- B. water
- C. ocean
- D. chilly

Hint: Which word describes the temperature of the water?

5. Which of these words is NOT an adjective?

- A. Green

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- B. Tall
- C. Run
- D. Heavy

Hint: One of these words is an action (a verb) rather than a descriptive word.

6. Find the two adjectives in this sentence: 'The brave pilot flew the silver plane.'

- A. brave, silver
- B. pilot, plane
- C. flew, the
- D. brave, flew

Hint: Look for words that describe the person (pilot) and the object (plane).

7. Articles (a, an, the) are special types of adjectives. Which one belongs in this blank? 'I saw ____ elephant at the zoo.'

- A. a
- B. an
- C. thes
- D. am

Hint: Use 'an' before words that begin with a vowel sound.

8. What is the adjective in the sentence: 'That old house has a spooky basement.'

- A. house
- B. has
- C. spooky
- D. basement

Hint: Which word describes how the basement feels or looks?

9. Which word describes the size of something? 'The enormous whale swam through the ocean.'

- A. swam
- B. whale
- C. enormous
- D. ocean

Hint: Look for a word that means 'very big'.

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10. Adjectives usually come before the noun they describe. Where is the adjective here? 'The sour lemon made me pucker.'

- A. lemon
- B. made
- C. me
- D. sour

Hint: Find the word describing the taste of the lemon.