



English



Self-Learning pack

Grade 11



Lesson 08 - Adjectives

Competency 4 - Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning.

Competency level - 4.7 Uses nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs appropriately.

Adjectives

What are adjectives?

Adjectives describe nouns.

Eg:	1.	good (adjective)	boy (noun)	3.	beautiful (adjective)	boy (noun)
	2.	interesting (adjective)	story (noun)	4.	kind (adjective)	teacher (noun)

Activity 1

Fill in blanks using the most suitable adjective given the box.

fast, fat, delicious, pretty, high, ~~cute~~

a



_____ cute puppy

b



_____ food

c



_____ runner

d



_____ girl

e



_____ mountain

f



_____ man

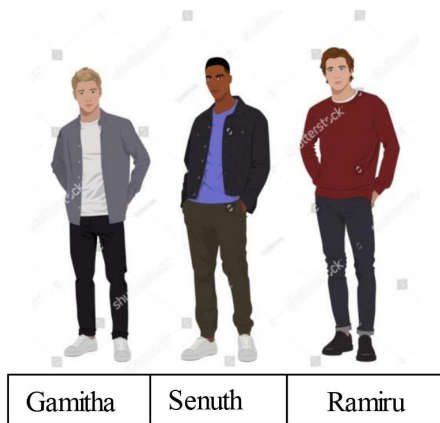
Activity 2

Underline the adjectives in the following sentences. *The first one is done for you.*

- The tall gentleman was wearing a blue shirt.
- Little Mihiri was a pretty girl with rosy cheeks.
- The sky was dark and gloomy.
- The old woman spoke in a soft voice.
- The lost ball was found near the wooden gate.
- The clever boy won the gold medal.

There are three degrees of adjectives.

- 1) Positive degree - Used to describe a quality of a person or a thing e.g. tall
- 2) Comparative degree - Used to compare two or more persons or things. e.g. taller
- 3) Superlative degree - Used to describe the highest degree of a quality. e.g. the tallest



- Eg:
- 1) Gamitha is a tall boy.
 - 2) Senuth is taller than Gamitha.
 - 3) Ramiru is the tallest boy in the class.

Tips to remember

- If there is 'a' or 'an' before the blank, you have to fill it in with a positive adjective.
- If you see the word 'than' after the blank, you should use a comparative adjective.
- If you see the word 'the' before the blank, you should use the superlative adjective.

Learn the three degrees of these adjectives.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
small	smaller	the smallest
cool	cooler	the coolest
large	larger	the largest
high	higher	the highest
tall	taller	the tallest
hot	hotter	the hottest
noisy	noisier	the noisiest
lovely	lovelier	the loveliest
difficult	more difficult	the most difficult
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
dangerous	more dangerous	the most dangerous
expensive	more expensive	the most expensive
intelligent	more intelligent	the most intelligent
generous	more generous	the most generous
wonderful	more wonderful	the most wonderful
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
many	more	the most
much	more	the most
little	less	the least

Activity 3

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the adjectives given in the brackets.

- My mother made a _____ cake for my birthday. (beautiful)
- Summer is the _____ season of the year. (hot)
- Nuwara Eliya is _____ than Kandy. (cool)
- Some students believe that mathematics is _____ than science. (difficult)
- Jadeite is themineral in the world. (expensive)