

## What is an adjective?

An adjective is a **describing word** that can either:

- come before a noun, for example: The pupils did some **remarkable** work;
- come after a form of the verb 'to be', for example: The pupils' work was **remarkable**.

Many adjectives have similar meanings but to varying strengths. For example:

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| big | large | huge | considerable | colossal |
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A **powerful adjective** choice can improve the effectiveness of a sentence and add meaning for the reader, such as:

I visited the **large** manor house with my grandmother.

I visited the **colossal** manor house with my grandmother.

1. Circle the four **adjectives** in the following sentence.

We visited a stunning building which had exquisite carvings on the great roof and many windows which were gleaming.

2. Circle all of the **adjectives** in the following sentences.

An immense earthquake shook the ground.

Running from their ruined homes, the people were petrified.

The calm worker tried to help despite the choking dust.

3. Complete the sentence below with a powerful **adjective** to describe **shock**.

As the film reached its dramatic conclusion, the crowd were \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Which sentence uses the word clear as an **adjective**?

Tick **one**.

The day was fine and clear. .... ☐

Please clear your plates away. .... ☐

The drive has been swept clear of snow. .... ☐

The fever should clear within two days. .... ☐