

Powerful Adjectives

Add a powerful adjective into each gap to describe the noun.

Use the word bank below to help you.

1. The _____ earthquake shook the ground.
2. The people were _____ when the buildings shook.
3. The _____ island lay in the middle of the ocean.
4. The crowd were _____ after watching the film.
5. "I'm _____ by what I've done," admitted Cathy.
6. The _____ winner jumped for joy at the news.
7. The monster's attempts at hiding were _____.
8. Our new neighbours are _____.



Word Bank

terrified	flabbergasted	appalled	abysmal
menacing	exquisite	distraught	eccentric
shaken	marvellous	pathetic	delightful
astonished	magnificent	absurd	

Answers

1. The **menacing** earthquake shook the ground.
Also accept: **abysmal, magnificent**
2. The people were **distraught** when the buildings shook.
Also accept: **terrified, shaken, astonished, flabbergasted, appalled**
3. The **magnificent** island lay in the middle of the ocean.
Also accept: **exquisite, marvellous, delightful**
4. The crowd were **terrified** after watching the film.
Also accept: **shaken, astonished, flabbergasted, appalled, distraught**
5. "I'm **appalled** by what I've done," admitted Cathy.
Also accept: **astonished, distraught, shaken**
6. The **flabbergasted** winner jumped for joy at the news.
Also accept: **astonished, shaken, magnificent**
7. The monster's attempts at hiding were **abysmal**.
Also accept: **pathetic, absurd, exquisite, marvellous, magnificent**
8. Our new neighbours are **delightful**.
Also accept: **eccentric, marvellous, pathetic, menacing, distraught, absurd**

Powerful Adjectives

Rewrite and improve these sentences by changing the bold adjective into a powerful and impressive description.

1. Janine was sitting in a **nice** chair.

2. Mum's new hairstyle was **bad**.

3. The weather today is **not nice**.

4. Lorna's new puppy was **cute**.

5. The story written by Fred was **good**.

6. Jake made some **silly** jokes at school today.

7. Barney's new computer was **fun** to play on.

8. The birds' cage was **dirty**.



Answers

Pupils' answers will vary. The following sentences show examples of where the adjective has been replaced with a powerful and impressive description:

1. Janine was sitting in a **nice** chair.
Janine was sitting in a luxurious chair, which was covered in plush velvet.
2. Mum's new hairstyle was **bad**.
Mum's new hairstyle was awful because it made her head look like a toilet brush!
3. The weather today is **not nice**.
The weather today is atrocious; the wind is howling like a lonely wolf missing its pack and there are hailstones as big as golf balls falling from the dark sky above!
4. Lorna's new puppy was **cute**.
Lorna's new puppy was so incredibly gorgeous that, wherever she took it, people cooed and fussed over the sweet little creature.
5. The story written by Fred was **good**.
The story written by Fred was utterly gripping – it was the kind of tale that you had to read in just one go.
6. Jake made some **silly** jokes at school today.
Jake made some rude and immature jokes at school today, which made everyone cross (especially the teacher).
7. Barney's new computer was **fun** to play on.
Barney's new computer was smart, shiny and super cool; everyone wanted to play on it.
8. The birds' cage was **dirty**.
The birds' cage was filthy due to the fact that no one had bothered to clean it for weeks.

Powerful Adjectives

Rewrite and improve these sentences by using powerful adjectives to describe each noun.

1. The lady was sitting in a chair.

2. My mum had a haircut.

3. The weather on the beach was blustery.

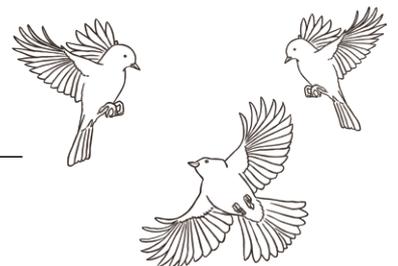
4. Lorna got a new puppy.

5. The story written by Fred was good.

6. We got on the coach to go on our school trip.

7. Miss Riley always tells jokes.

8. The birds played with their toys inside the cage.



Answers

Pupils' answers will vary. The following sentences show examples of where powerful adjectives have been added to describe each noun.

1. The lady was sitting in a chair.

The elegant young lady was sitting in a comfortable, velvet chair.

2. My mum had a haircut.

My embarrassed mum had a terrible new haircut.

3. The weather on the beach was blustery.

The awful weather on the local beach was blustery.

4. Lorna got a new puppy.

Lucky Lorna got an adorable, fluffy puppy.

5. The story written by Fred was good.

The riveting story, written by talented Fred, was amazing!

6. We got on the coach to go on our school trip.

We got on the creaky, old coach to go on our long-awaited school trip.

7. Miss Riley always tells jokes.

Hilarious Miss Riley always tells fantastic jokes that are sure to make you laugh!

8. The birds played with their toys inside the cage.

The bored birds played with their tatty, broken toys inside the miniscule cage.