

# 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# 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.

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2. My mum had a haircut.

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3. The weather on the beach was blustery.

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4. Lorna got a new puppy.

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5. The story written by Fred was good.

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

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7. Miss Riley always tells jokes.

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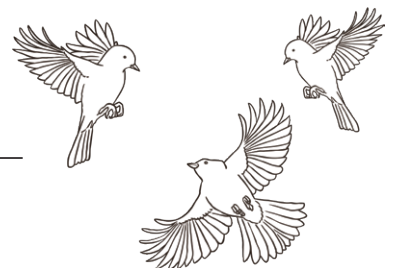
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8. The birds played with their toys inside the cage.

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# 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.**