

Reading comprehension and creative writing

Dear Lorna,

I know how much you love our dog, Storm. You aren't going to believe what happened to her today!

I was playing with Storm on the lawn, when suddenly she started limping. Soon, she couldn't even walk! We had to take her to the vet, wrapped in a shawl. The vet told us she had a thorn stuck in her paw. Poor Storm!

The vet was very kind and took out the thorn. He gave us some pills for Storm and Mum put them in a drawer to keep them safe.

I think I will draw a picture of Storm to cheer her up.

How is your pet bird? I hope she doesn't get anything stuck in her claws!

Lots of love,

Paul x



Questions

1. Spot and sort the 'aw' and 'or' words.

'aw' words	'or' words

2. What did Storm get stuck in her paw? _____
3. What pet does Lorna have? _____

4. Draw a picture of Storm to cheer her up.

A large empty rectangular box provided for the student to draw a picture of the dog Storm to cheer her up.

Dear Paul,

I wanted to remind you that tomorrow is the launch of the book 'The Haunted House', by the author Alex Whiteoak.



He told me that he has been working on the book since August. It took him such a long time because he was exhausted after his last book tour.

At the launch, since it is autumn time, we went for an orange, red and brown theme. There will be drinks, hot dogs and burgers with sauce. After the food, Alex will read a section from the book.

I really hope that the audience give Alex a huge applause. Maybe some people might want his autograph too!

Looking forward to seeing you,
Laura



Questions

1. Find and circle all the words in the text that contain an 'au' grapheme.

How many words did you find?

2. What is the name of the book by Alex Whiteoak?

3. When did Alex begin working on the book?

Tick one.

April

August

March

4. What two things can people choose to eat at the book launch?

Dear Fay,



There was such a big delay when I went on holiday to Norway. My ticket was for Saturday but I had to wait until Sunday.

I checked the flight on the display and it said 'DELAYED' in big, red letters. I had to stay in the airport overnight so I lay across some chairs and played with my crayons.

Sway Airways felt bad for the delay and said I did not need to pay and I got a free tray of food on the way to Norway. Hooray!

Did you have a good birthday yesterday?

From Shay



Questions

1. Spot the two days of the week that are hidden in the story.

2. Unscramble this word which was displayed in big, red letters.

L E D D E AY

3. Where was Shay going on holiday?

4. What did Shay do at the airport overnight?

Dear May,

I am glad you are having fun. I am not! Today, I broke my green necklace and lost all the beads! Then, I took Pete the dog for a walk but I lost the lead. Pete got covered in mud and leaves.



When I got home, Dad was so cross he wouldn't even speak to me. For tea it is beef stew and I hate meat! I wanted to read a book to cheer myself up but there is a leak in my bedroom so I can't! It is just not my day. I hope I am in a better mood next time I see you. Maybe you will bring me home a treat?

Lots of love and see you next week.

Daisy xxx

Dear Andrew,

I am having a great time staying at my granny's house for a few days. I planted some seeds last time I was here and I can't believe how much the plants grew! I also went fishing in the pond and found a newt.

Granny needed help to put up a shelf, so I held all the screws. Then, we played cricket and I threw the ball really far! I knew I could do it!



For dinner, Granny made a yummy vegetable stew. After dinner, we had a cake with a candle on top and I blew it out.

It was a busy day and the time just flew by. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Lots of love,
Stewart x



Questions

1. What colour were the beads on the necklace that Daisy broke?

2. What did Daisy lose on her walk? Tick one.

- Pete's lead
 her book
 her new coat

3. Can you find and copy **four** words with the 'ea' sound?

4. What treat do you think May might bring home for Daisy?

Questions

1. What did Stewart find in the pond?

2. Colour in all the words with the 'ew' sound.

How many words did you find?

3. Which word shows that Stewart liked the vegetable stew?

4. How did Stewart help his granny during his stay?



Adjectives



Find 3 adjectives in your story and use them in a sentence.

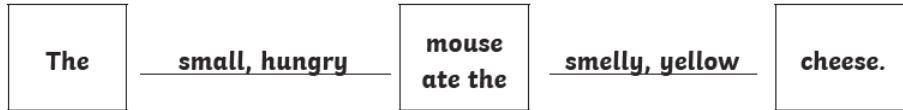
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Adding Adjectives to Expand Noun Phrases

Use your scissors to cut up these simple noun phrases and expand them using adjectives. Can you use two adjectives, separated by a comma, to describe each noun in the sentence?

Here's how they should look:



Now it's your turn!

1.

2.

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3.

4.

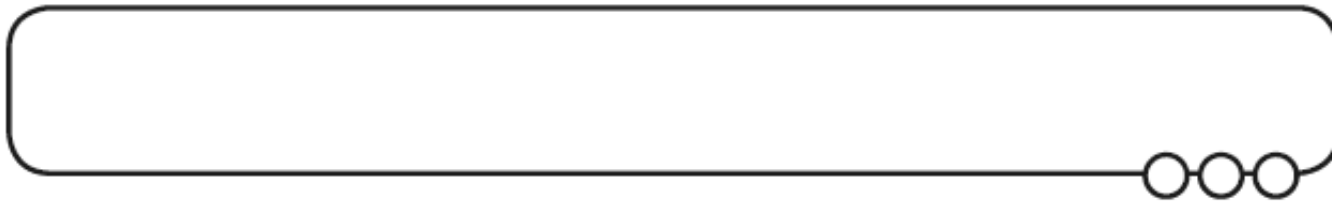
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6.

7.



Adjectives for Effect



Read through the following descriptions.

For each one, underline the noun that is being described in the expanded noun phrase.

Put a circle around the adjectives that have been added to the noun to make the expanded noun phrase.

1. The mouldy, broken house stood on a hill.
2. The moaning and creaking noise continued.
3. The cold, damp grass ruined my shoes.
4. The well-worn steps went on forever.
5. The off-white, rotten door squeaked loudly.
6. A large, dark rain cloud hung over the house.

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**.

