Hello There!

I am so excited to be bringing you this set of grammar passages, where everything you and your students need to practice a specific type of grammar skill is on ONE page!

What Is Included:

1. 8 passages focused on understanding and identifying adjectives.
2. 8 complete answer keys.
3. Google Drive digital version

Ideas to Use the Passages:

1. As a mentor text during a whole group lesson on adjectives.
2. In a small guided reading group.
3. In a comprehension center.
4. As independent practice after a lesson on adjectives.
5. As a homework review.
6. Practice for taking standardized texts.

Thank you so much to these amazing artists, whose work is found in this resource!







Adjectives Passages

Professionally Leveled By Lexile ® and OOTWL®

Passage Title	Genre	Grammar Skill Covered	Word Count	Lexile Level	F&P Level	AR Level	DRA Level	Grade Level
Wild Words	Fiction	• Adjectives	218	790L	R	4.5	40	4.5
Man's Best Friend	NF	• Adjectives	183	890L	V	5.9	44	5.9
Cloud Shapes	Fiction	• Comparative Adjectives • Superlative Adjectives	188	720L	Q	4.3	38	4.3
Kangaroos Can't Moonwalk	NF	• Comparative Adjectives • Superlative Adjectives	195	900L	W	6.0	44	6.0
Shooting Baskets	Fiction	• Quantitative Adjectives	215	580L	M	3.2	28	3.2
Would You Like Ketchup With That?	NF	• Quantitative Adjectives	189	600L	N	3.3	30	3.3
American Melting Pot	Fiction	• Proper Adjectives	201	800L	T	5.0	44	5.0
The Red Planet	NF	• Proper Adjectives	228	820L	U	5.2	44	5.2

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GOOGLE™ LINKS FOR STUDENTS

Click each link to assign work to students each day!

Adjectives

Comparative and Superlative

Quantitative Adjectives

Proper Adjectives

Answer Keys

LINKS ACTIVE IN PAID VERSION

The Standards: Grade 2

	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Wild Words	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1.E Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	2.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including articles.
Passage 2: Man's Best Friend	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1.E Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	2.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including articles.
Passage 3: Cloud Shapes	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1.E Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	2.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including articles.
Passage 4: Kangaroos Can't Moonwalk	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1.E Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	2.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including articles.
Passage 5: Shooting Baskets	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1.E Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	2.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including articles.
Passage 6: Would You Like Ketchup With That?	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1.E Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	2.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including articles.
Passage 7: American Melting Pot	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1.E Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	2.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including articles.
Passage 8: The Red Planet	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.2.1.E Use adjectives and adverbs, and choose between them depending on what is to be modified.	2.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including articles.

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The Standards: Grade 3

	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Wild Words	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.	3.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 2: Man's Best Friend	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.	3.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 3: Cloud Shapes	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.	3.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 4: Kangaroos Can't Moonwalk	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.	3.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 5: Shooting Baskets	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.	3.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 6: Would You Like Ketchup With That?	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.	3.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 7: American Melting Pot	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.	3.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 8: Noises on the Farm	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.3.1.A Explain the function of nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in general and their functions in particular sentences.	3.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.

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The Standards: Grade 4

	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Wild Words	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 2: Man's Best Friend	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 3: Cloud Shapes	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 4: Kangaroos Can't Moonwalk	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 5: Shooting Baskets	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 6: Would You Like Ketchup With That?	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 7: American Melting Pot	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 8: The Red Planet	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.4.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	4.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.

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The Standards: Grade 5

	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Wild Words	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	5.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 2: Man's Best Friend	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	5.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 3: Cloud Shapes	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	5.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 4: Kangaroos Can't Moonwalk	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	5.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 5: Shooting Baskets	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	5.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 6: Would You Like Ketchup With That?	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	5.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 7: American Melting Pot	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	5.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.
Passage 8: The Red Planet	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.5.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	5.11D iv Edit drafts using standard English conventions, including: adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms.

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The Standards: Grade 6

	Common Core State Standard	TEK Standard
Passage 1: Wild Words	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10D Edit drafts using standard English conventions.
Passage 2: Man's Best Friend	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10D Edit drafts using standard English conventions.
Passage 3: Cloud Shapes	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10D Edit drafts using standard English conventions.
Passage 4: Kangaroos Can't Moonwalk	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10D Edit drafts using standard English conventions.
Passage 5: Shooting Baskets	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10D Edit drafts using standard English conventions.
Passage 6: Would You Like Ketchup With That?	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10D Edit drafts using standard English conventions.
Passage 7: American Melting Pot	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10D Edit drafts using standard English conventions.
Passage 8: The Red Planet	CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.L.6.1 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.	6.10D Edit drafts using standard English conventions.

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Adjectives

Name: _____ Date: _____

Directions: An adjective is a word that describes a noun or a pronoun. Writers use adjectives to add to details to a text. Adjectives are often found right before the word they are describing. There can be more than one adjective in a sentence. Read the passage and answer the questions. Then take the challenge!

Wild Words

I have something important to say. I can feel my words running through my busy mind. My silent words are trapped inside. Those unspoken words want to blurt out loudly, but my teacher expects me to raise my hand.

My teacher is kind and patient, but she insists that I keep by loud words to myself. She swiftly reminds me to quietly raise a silent hand when I speak out loudly without permission. Although she wants to hear what I s[illegible]lls me I have to wait for my turn.

My loud mouth shouts a[illegible]lks whene[illegible]pleas[illegible]it ge[illegible]to big troub[illegible] I try to contro[illegible]y [illegible]rds, but [illegible]s [illegible]lk[illegible]e [illegible] say [illegible]tever they wish. [illegible] thoughts [illegible]ily sw[illegible]inside[illegible]y he[illegible]e a w[illegible]tor[illegible]o fighting to get ou[illegible] The [illegible]s quick[illegible]ree[illegible]nside my mouth and thrust themselve[illegible] the [illegible]s.

My kind and gentle teacher wants me to think before I speak. After I silently think, I can raise a quiet hand. She wants me to make sure I hold my hand still because sometimes my hand is like my mouth. It is silly and waves wildly while I wait.



I know I can follow the normal expectation. I can tame my noisy mouth and my enthusiastic hand.

SAMPLE

Write About It: In your own words, tell the most important parts of the story. Circle the adjectives in your answer.

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Challenge: Use the codes to identify adjectives in the text.

blue — Adjectives in paragraph 1

red — Adjectives in paragraph 2

green — Adjectives in paragraph 3

Multiple Choice:

Answer the following questions after reading:

1a. Which best describes an adjective?

(a.) a word that describes a verb
(b.) a word that describes a noun or pronoun
(c.) a w[illegible]at describes the setti[illegible]
(d.) the [illegible]in a sentence

What ev[illegible]nce from the text includes[illegible]ve that [illegible]nes[illegible] description in 1a?

(a.) "My teacher is kind and patient."
(b.) "The words quickly creep..."
(c.) "After I silently think,…"
(d.) "She swiftly reminds me…"

2a. How many adjectives are in paragraph 4?

(a.) 3 (b.) 4
(c.) 5 (d.) 6

2b. Which phrase from the text includes an adjective and is part of paragraph 4?

(a.) "She wants me to make sure I can hold my hand still…"
(b.) "Sometimes my mouth is like my hand…"
(c.) "After I silently think, I can raise a quiet hand."
(d.) "…and waves wildly while I wait."

3. Which of the following phrases includes an adjective?

(a.) "She swiftly reminds me…"
(b.) "I can tame my noisy mouth and enthusiastic hand."
(c.) "…but my teacher expects me to wait for my turn."
(d.) "…words are trapped inside."

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Adjectives

Name: Answer Key **Date:** _____

Directions: An adjective is a word that describes a noun or a pronoun. Writers use adjectives to add to details to a text. Adjectives are often found right before the word they are describing. There can be more than one adjective in a sentence. Read the passage and answer the questions. Then take the challenge!

Man's Best Friend

Dogs have been called man's best friend for centuries, but today dogs are more than a friend. They are dependable. Dogs are training and certifying to become service dogs and therapy dogs. Service dogs and therapy dogs help humans in unique situations.

Dogs can have jobs just like humans. Their loving personalities make them perfect working companions. Therapy dogs go wi[th] their ow[ners] to homes, schools, nursing homes and hospita[ls]. These do[gs] provide [comfort] to patients a[nd] individuals wh[o need] extra atte[ntion].

Whi[le] some may think [ther]apy dogs and [service] dogs are the same, many will argue t[hat] they are no[t]. Dogs in[clu]de guide dogs. These animals are working for a[nd] p[aid] on as their [job]. The service dog tends to the blind pers[on] and leads him or her safely through daily routines. Service dogs, like therapy dogs, must train and certify before working with an individual.



Dogs have provided lasting relationships with humans in many cultures for a long time, but they are finding more responsibilities in modern days. Dogs continue to be best friends, close companions, and hard workers.

Write About It: In your own words, tell the most important parts of the text. Circle the adjectives in your answer.

Answer should include:

1) Most important parts of story

2) Adjectives circled

Challenge: Use the codes to identify adjectives in the text.

blue — Adjectives in paragraph 1

red — Adjectives in paragraph 2

green — Adjectives in paragraph 3

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Multiple Choice:

Answer the following questions after reading:

1a. Which best describes an adjective?

(a) a word that describes a verb
(b) a word that describes a noun o[r]
a word t[hat] describes the setting
the first [word] in a sentence

1b. [What] evide[nce] from [the] text [supports] an [answer] that [matches] the description in 1a?

(a) "…dogs go with their owners…"
(b) "Dogs can have jobs just like humans."
(c) "Service dogs include guide dogs."
(d) "Dogs have provided…"

2a. How many adjectives are in paragraph 4?

(a) 6 (b) 7
(c) 8 (d) 9

2b. Which phrase from the text includes an adjective and is part of paragraph 4?

(a) "best friends, close companions, and…"
(b) "Dogs have provided…"
(c) "…they are finding…"
(d) "Dogs continue to be…"

3. Which of the following phrases includes an adjective?

(a) "…must train and certify before working with an individual."
(b) "…dogs help humans…"
(c) "…dogs are more than a friend."
(d) "These animals are working for a blind person…"

SAMPLE