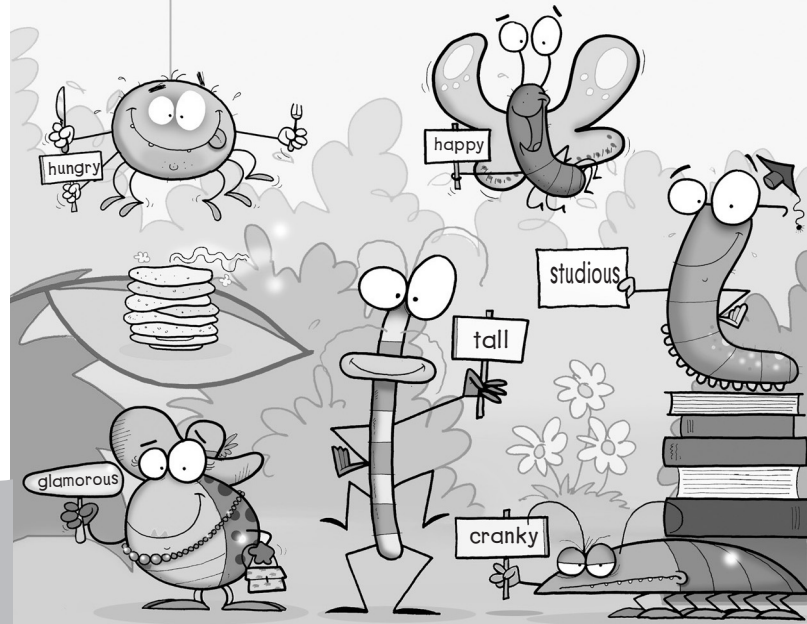


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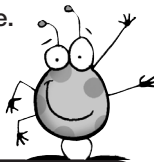
Which adjectives best describe you? Write an acrostic poem about yourself! Write the letters of your name down the left side of a sheet of paper. Then write an adjective beginning with each letter that describes something special about you.

# The Bug Book

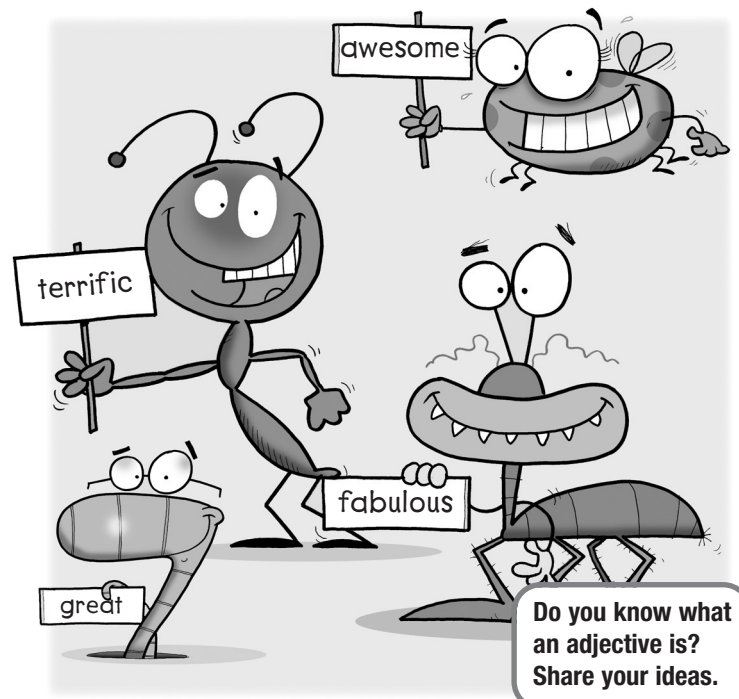
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Go Buggy! Can you find the 14 adjectives in this paragraph? Underline each adjective you see. Then find the adjectives in the word search puzzle. Answers can go across, down, or on a diagonal.



Do you know a special bug who could use a good time? Then call Caterpillar Caterers and let us help you plan a buggy bash! We have everything you need to throw a fabulous party for your favorite insect. We carry a complete line of party decorations to make your celebration festive. Choose from our many floral arrangements, which also make a delicious snack for hungry butterflies! So surprise the lovable larva in your life with a spectacular shindig today!



Adjectives are AWESOME! There's just no doubt about it. They take a noun—any noun—and tell us more about it. These bugs will demonstrate for you just what an adjective can do.

# Grammar Tales

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clean bug



mean bug

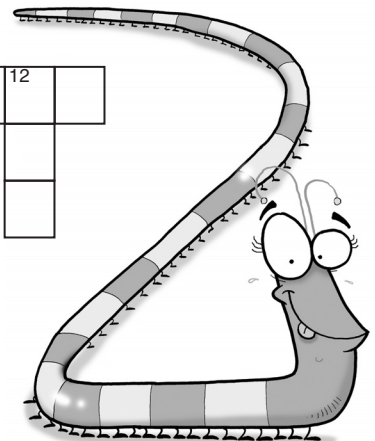
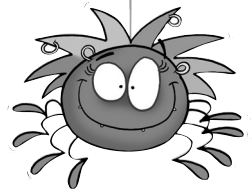
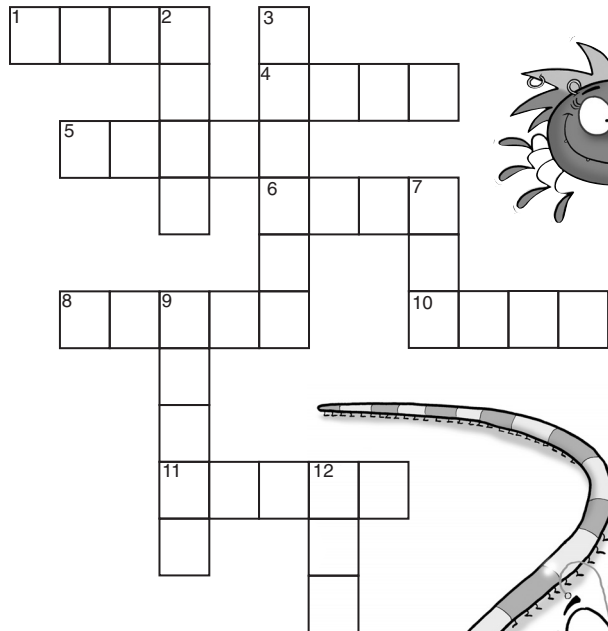
An adjective is a word that describes a noun such as a bug. *Clean* and *mean* are both adjectives.

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Rhyme Time: Make the adjectives rhyme with nouns they modify. Choose an adjective from the box to complete each clue. Then write your answers in the crossword puzzle.

Across

1. A comfortable insect is a \_\_\_\_\_ bug.
4. An unusual fruit is a \_\_\_\_\_ pear.
5. A heroic rescue is a \_\_\_\_\_ save.
6. A skinny smile is a \_\_\_\_\_ grin.
8. A joyful dog is a \_\_\_\_\_ collie.
10. An unruly tot is a \_\_\_\_\_ child.
11. A frightening sprite is a \_\_\_\_\_ fairy.

Down

2. A happy young man is a \_\_\_\_\_ lad.
3. A beautiful town is a \_\_\_\_\_ city.
7. An unfamiliar animal park is a \_\_\_\_\_ zoo.
9. An escaped bird is a \_\_\_\_\_ goose.
12. A scarlet mattress is a \_\_\_\_\_ bed.

brave	red	pretty
jolly	loose	wild
scary	thin	snug
rare	new	glad

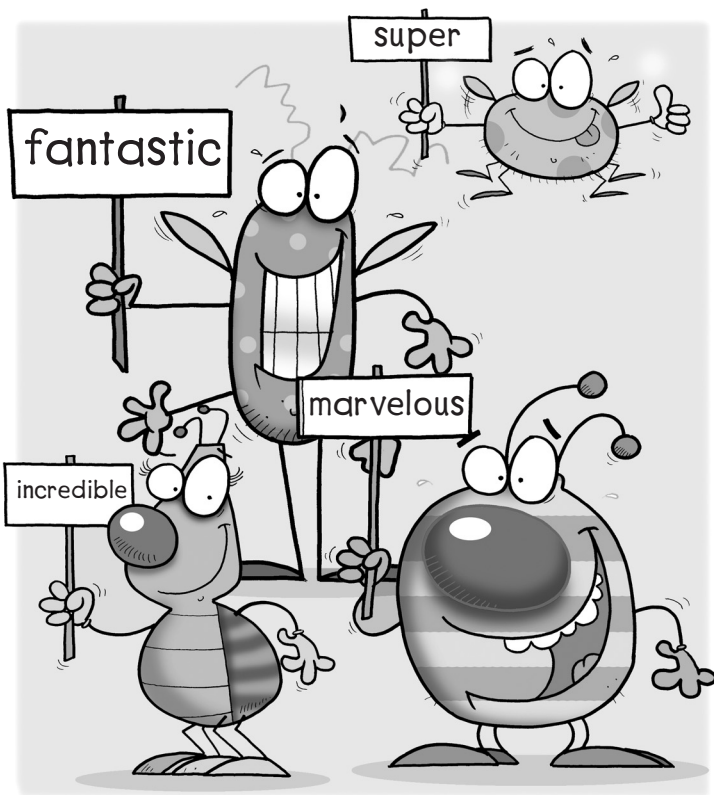
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Can you think of some other adjectives that describe these bugs?

gigantic, friendly, green bug

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When you want to modify a noun, an adjective won't let you down. Try adding adjectives—they're incredible at making nouns UNFORGETTABLE!

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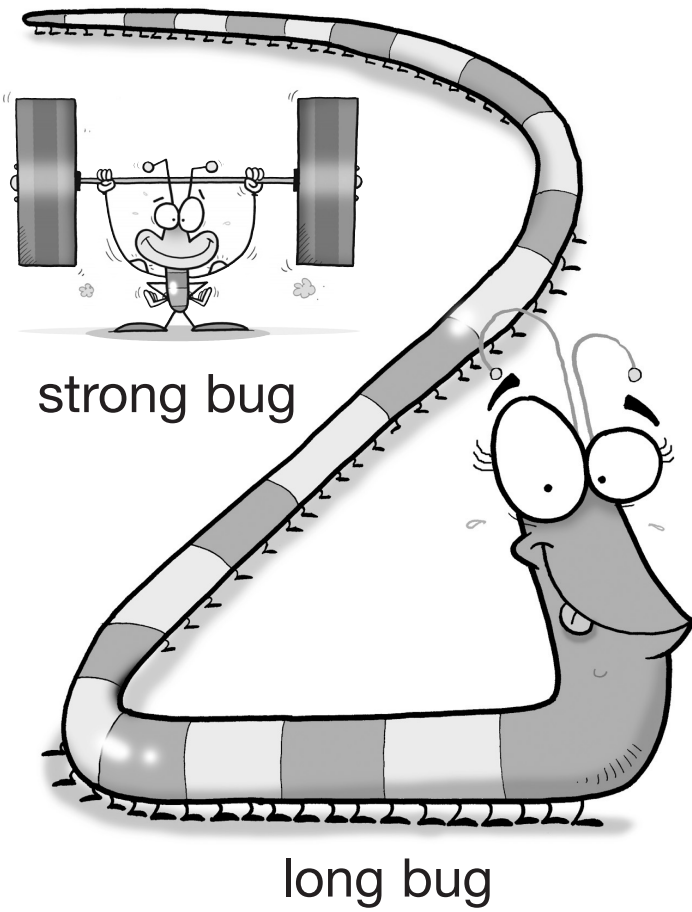
annoying, tagalong bug

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# Let's Review: Adjectives

An **adjective** is a word that modifies, or describes, a noun or a pronoun.

- ★ Adjectives give more information about a noun. They can tell you how many (*some* bugs, *seven* bugs) or what kind (*long* bug, *green* bug). An adjective can tell you what someone or something looks like (*gigantic*), feels like (*sticky*), or acts like (*friendly*). An adjective can describe any quality of the noun it modifies.
- ★ Lots of adjectives have common endings. Many end in the letter *y* (*pretty*, *happy*, *greedy*). Sometimes you can make an adjective out of a noun or a verb by adding an ending such as *-ic*, *-ous*, *-ish*, *-ful*, *-ing*, *-al*, or *-able*. For instance, someone who acts like a *fool* might be described as *foolish*.
- ★ Sometimes a word that looks like a noun is really an adjective. For instance, a *tagalong* is someone who follows someone else. But in the phrase *tagalong bug*, the word *tagalong* describes the bug. That makes it an adjective. Other examples of adjectives “disguised” as nouns are *chocolate* soda and *kitchen* sink.
- ★ You can always tell that a word is an adjective if it tells you more about the noun it modifies.



strong bug

long bug

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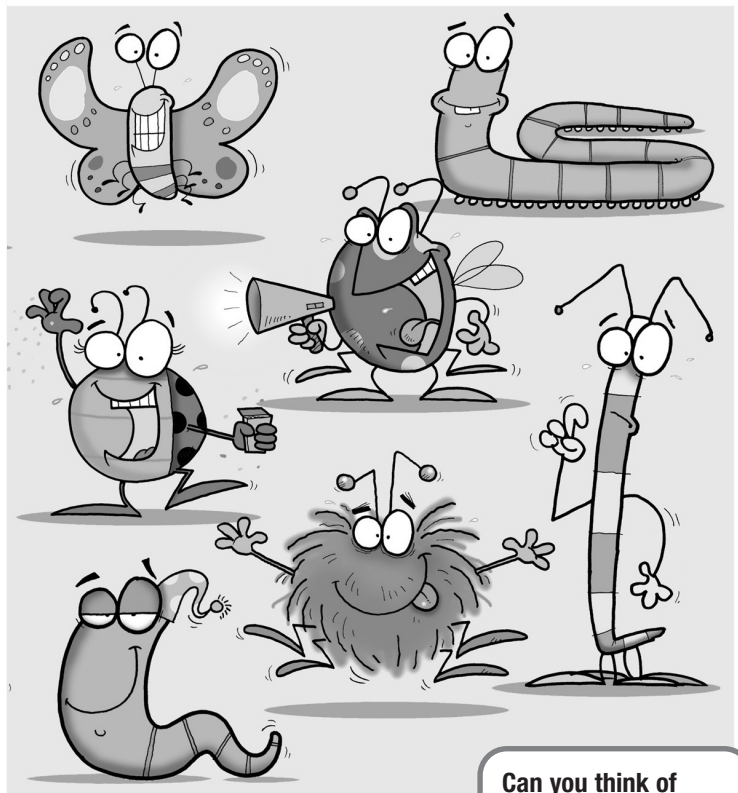
sticky bug



picky bug

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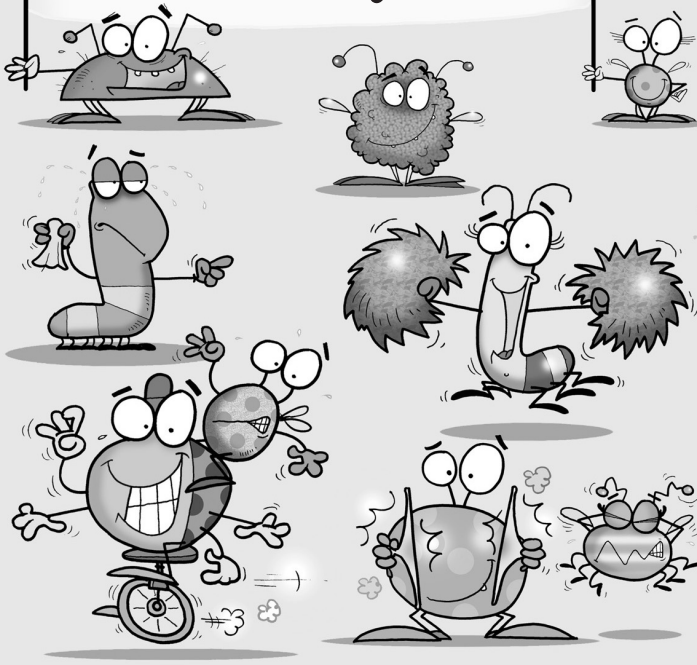
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Can you think of adjectives to describe each of these bugs?

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# Hooray for Adjectives!



many enthusiastic bugs

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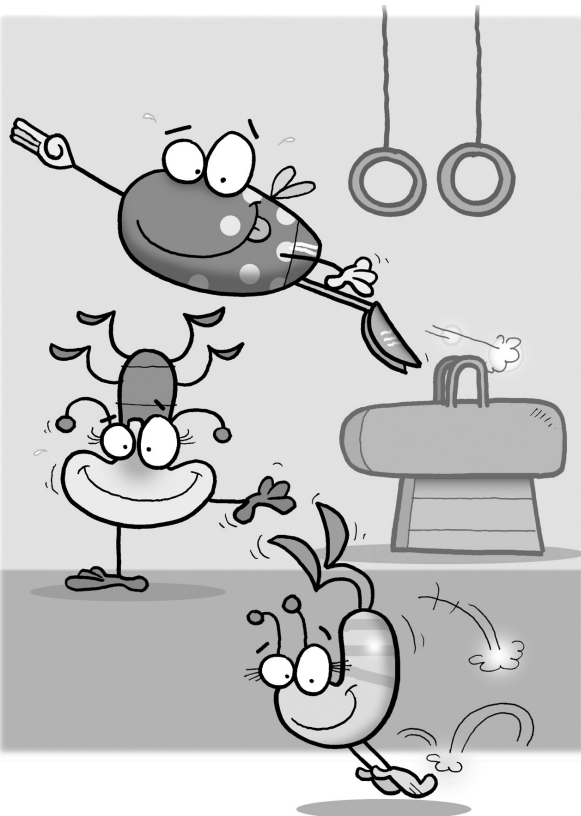
speedy bug



greedy bug

Lots of adjectives end in the letter *y*. How many can you think of?

7



gymnastic bugs

12



Sometimes you can make an adjective out of a noun or verb by adding a special ending such as *-ic*, *-ous*, *-ish*, *-ful*, *-ing*, *-al*, or *-able*.

**Example:**

hero + *ic* = heroic

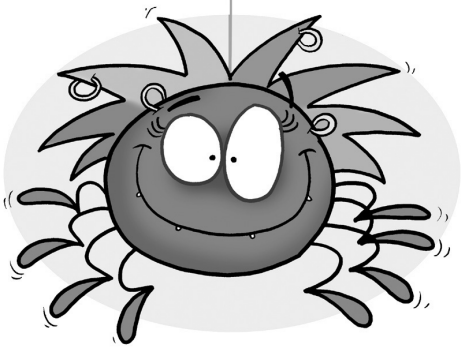
courage + *ous* = courageous

**Try to make adjectives out of these words:**

humor, beauty, love, fool, magic, forget, wish, frighten

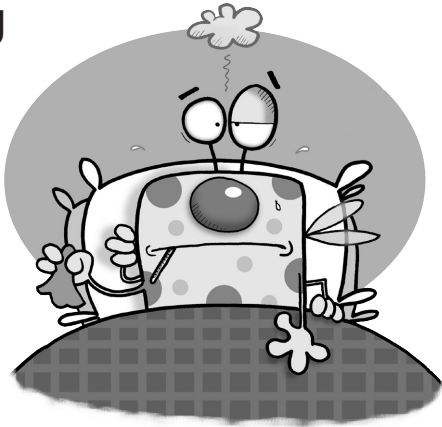
heroic and courageous bug

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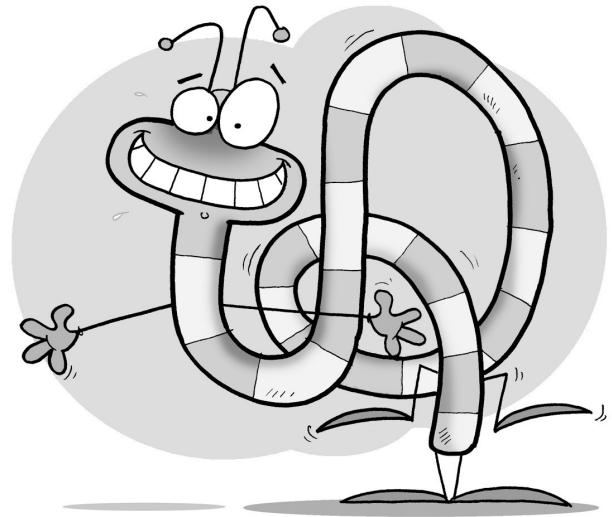
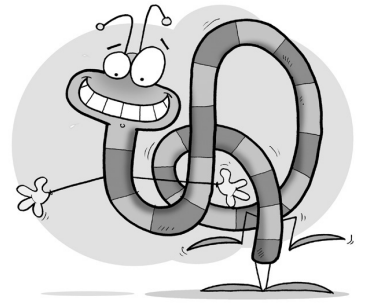
outrageous  
bug

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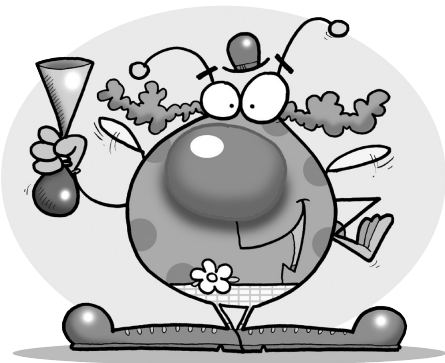
contagious bug

E



elastic bugs

13



silly bug

10



surprised  
bug



chilly bug

F



disguised bug

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