

Adjectives • • • • • Rules to Remember

Rule: An adjective is a word that describes a noun by giving more information about that noun.

Why was the computer always exhausted when it got home from work?

... It had a hard drive.

- *Explanation:* "hard" describes "drive."

What happens if you cross a bridge with a car?

... You reach the other side.

- *Explanation:* "other" describes "side."

Why did the woman say that a room full of married couples was empty?

... because there wasn't a single person in it

- *Explanation:* "married" describes "couples"; "empty" describes "room"; "single" describes "person."

Rule: Number, order, color, and size words are frequently used as adjectives.

What ship has no captain but two mates?

... friendship

- *Explanation:* "two" describes "mates."

Who's the ringleader?

... the first person in a bathtub

- *Explanation:* "first" describes "person."

Why did Ms. Tomato turn bright red?

... She saw Mr. Green Pea.

- *Explanation:* "bright" and "red" describes "Ms. Tomato"; "Green" describes "Pea."



Do large ships like the *Titanic* sink very often?

... No, just once.

- *Explanation:* "large" describes "ships."

Rule: The phrase "a lot of" is often used as an adjective phrase describing a noun. "A lot" is always two separate words.

Why is an attractive girl's face her fortune?

... It draws a lot of interest.

- *Explanation:* "a lot of" describes the amount of interest.

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Directions: Use the adjectives in the box to complete each joke. Each adjective is used once.

a lot of	last	many	long	bright	pink
black	sunny	ice	small	first	red

1. What stays hot, even in the refrigerator?

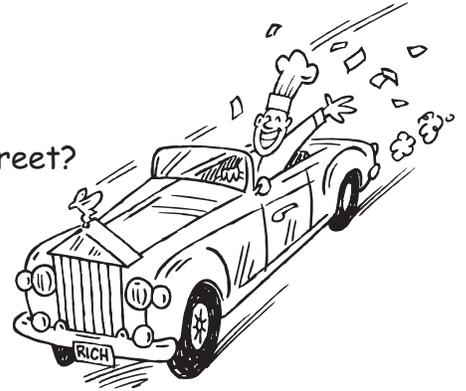
... _____ peppers

2. What do you call an _____ path along a street?

... a sidewalk

3. How did the baker get wealthy?

... by making _____ dough



4. If all the cars in this country were pink, what would we have?

... a _____ car nation

5. Why shouldn't you add a _____ list of numbers
on a _____ day?

... You don't want to get sumstroke.

6. What do ants say to each other?

... Nothing much; they just make _____ talk.

7. Why did the astronaut take a shovel on his space walk?

... So he could dig a _____ hole.

8. Why did the teacher always wear sunglasses in school?

... Her students were very _____.

9. How is the sun able to stay up in the sky?

... It has _____ beams.

10. What's so unusual about money?

... You have to make it _____ before you can
make it _____.

Answer Key

Note: When multiple answers are required, they are separated by commas.

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1. red
2. icy
3. a lot of
4. pink
5. long, sunny
6. small
7. black
8. bright
9. many
10. first, last