

Varied Fluency

Step 2: Modifying Adjectives and Nouns

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G3.2) [Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases \(e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair\)](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support using modifiers in single clause sentences. Only single modifiers are used.

Expected Questions to support using modifiers in multi-clause sentences. Multiple modifiers are sometimes used with the same noun.

Greater Depth Questions to support using modifiers in multi-clause sentences. Multiple modifiers, as well as adverbs and/or prepositions, are used.

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1a. Which modifier makes the most sense with each noun in the sentence below?

My socks were next to the machine.

washing

smelly



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1b. Which modifier makes the most sense with each noun in the sentence below?

A car raced past the shops.

busy

police



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2a. Underline the modifiers in the sentence below.

The computer engineer fixed the problems with the school computers.



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2b. Underline the modifiers in the sentence below.

The swimming coach planned each session very carefully.



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3a. Which sentence contains a modifier?

A. The extinct dinosaur was extremely interesting to the students.

B. The dog bounded happily towards its owner.



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3b. Which sentence contains a modifier?

A. The child reluctantly tidied up his bedroom.

B. The race horse enjoyed trotting gently around the field.



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4a. What does the underlined modifier tell us about the sentence?

The elderly couple enjoy going abroad on holiday.



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4b. What does the underlined modifier tell us about the sentence?

I enjoyed the crispy apple that tasted sweet.



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5a. Which modifier makes the most sense with each noun in the sentence below?

Some giants lived in the caves, so the miners had to be careful.

coal

bloodthirsty

murky mountain



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5b. Which modifier makes the most sense with each noun in the sentence below?

The guards were terrified of the warriors but their captain urged them on.

attacking goblin

fearless

castle



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6a. Underline three modifiers in the sentence below.

The helpful primary teacher worked with the young Year 2 pupils so that they understood the new science project which had just been handed out.



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6b. Underline three modifiers in the sentence below.

The competitive football coach shouted encouragement to his girls Under-11s team, who tackled well in the final of the junior league championship.



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7a. Which sentence contains a modifier?

- A. The dragon attacked the village, which was called Mølning, before dawn and destroyed it.
- B. The recently qualified doctor was nervous on her first day at work in the local hospital, but still enjoyed herself.



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7b. Which sentence contains a modifier?

- A. The fluffy Persian cat, who was called Daisy, purred in the sunshine and went to sleep.
- B. The dentist looked after the child, who was only 3 years old, as she sat in the chair with her mouth open.



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8a. What does the underlined modifier tell us about the sentence?

Everyone in the small town was invited to the opening ceremony of the exciting athletics event that was being held in the Spring .



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8b. What does the underlined modifier tell us about the sentence?

The extra-large pizza was delivered quickly to the hungry teenagers, despite the terrible snow.



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9a. Which modifiers make the most sense with each noun in the sentence below?

The soldiers inside the city were hopelessly outnumbered and threw down their weapons.

heavy iron

last enemy

once majestic



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9b. Which modifiers make the most sense with each noun in the sentence below?

A dancer skipped joyfully on the pavement in front of the museum.

cracked stone

famous history

smiling tap



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10a. Underline three modifiers in the sentence below.

The huge soccer crowd cheered when their successful football team with the star striker scored an amazing penalty goal in the last few minutes of the match, which would move them one position closer to the top of the league table.



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10b. Underline three modifiers in the sentence below.

The cheeky marmoset monkey teased the very hungry river crocodile with huge jaws by jumping up and down on the banks of the muddy African river, which drove the crocodile mad and made him even more determined to catch it.



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11a. Which sentence contains a modifier?

A. I watched silently as the delicate peacock butterfly with beautiful wings landed on a flower to drink nectar.

B. The surgeon operated skilfully on the child, whilst the parents waited anxiously in the corridor.



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11b. Which sentence contains a modifier?

A. The kitten, who had been playing with a ball of wool all morning, slept soundly on the rug in front of the fire.

B. The fluffy cumulus clouds with ragged outlines looked beautiful against the blue sky as they floated overhead.



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12a. List the modifiers used in the sentence below and explain their use.

The elephant calf, who rarely left its mother's side, was watching the adult Indian elephants with huge trunks playing in the water.



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12b. List the modifiers used in the sentence below and explain their use.

All the children cheered when their new Year 4 classmate with a friendly personality was awarded a special certificate at the end of the week.



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Developing

- 1a. My smelly socks were next to the washing machine.
- 2a. computer, school
- 3a. A
- 4a. 'Abroad' explains that the couple like to leave the country to go on holiday.

Expected

- 5a. Some bloodthirsty giants lived in the murky mountain caves, so the coal miners had to be careful.
- 6a. Various answers, for example: helpful, primary, young, Year 2, new, science
- 7a. B
- 8a. 'Opening' explains that the ceremony started the athletics event.

Greater Depth

- 9a. The last enemy soldiers inside the once majestic city were hopelessly outnumbered and threw down their heavy iron weapons.
- 10a. Various answers, for example: huge, soccer, successful, football, amazing, penalty
- 11a. A
- 12a. elephant – the type of calf;
adult Indian – the type of elephant;
huge trunks – the size of their trunks

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Developing

- 1b. A police car raced past the busy shops.
- 2b. swimming, each
- 3b. B
- 4b. 'Sweet' explains how the apple tasted.

Expected

- 5b. The castle guards were terrified of the attacking goblin warriors but their fearless captain urged them on.
- 6b. Various answers, for example: competitive, football, girls, Under-11s, junior, league
- 7b. A
- 8b. 'Terrible' explains how bad the snow was.

Greater Depth

- 9b. A smiling tap dancer skipped joyfully on the cracked stone pavement in front of the famous history museum.
- 10b. Various answers, for example: cheeky, marmoset, hungry, river, muddy, African
- 11b. B
- 12b. new Year 4 – the year group of the classmate and that they are new to the school;
friendly – the type of personality of the classmate;
special – the type of certificate