

# Synonyms

1. Underline the most useful adjective in each of the sentences below.

A. The large, playful elephant romped around the enclosure.

B. The enormous, blue sapphire was set into the centre of the ring.

C. He climbed up the sheer, rocky cliff.

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4. Write a multi-clause sentence including a noun phrase to describe the picture. Your noun phrase must include two adjectives and a preposition.



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2. Which adjectives could be removed in each of the sentences below without changing the meaning?

A. The fast car with flames painted on the side sped around the racetrack.

B. As she lay back to relax under the hot, yellow sun, she opened her book and settled in for the afternoon.

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5. Inder says,



The noun phrase in the sentence below offers important information about the giraffe.

The tall, majestic giraffe grazed happily on the leaves at the tops of the trees.

Do you agree? Explain your answer.

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3. Tick the pair of adjectives that could replace the adjectives in the sentence below.

The calm, tranquil music played gently in the background.

loud, disruptive

peaceful, relaxing

fast, melodic

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6. Read the sentences below.

A. The old barn was due to be knocked down.

B. The derelict, abandoned barn was due to be knocked down.

Which do you prefer? Why?

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1. A. playful; B. enormous; C. sheer
2. A. fast; B. hot, yellow
3. peaceful, relaxing
4. Various answers, for example: As he dove down, the young, amateur diver with brown hair saw the marvels of the beautiful, endangered reef-life.
5. Inder is incorrect because we already know that giraffes are tall. Therefore 'tall' is not adding any important information about the giraffe. The adjective 'majestic' adds more information to the giraffe.
6. Various answers, for example: I prefer sentence B because 'derelict' and 'abandoned' tell me more about the barn and the reason it might be being knocked down.