

Literacy

Class 4

Powerful Adjectives

- Lesson Objective: To understand what a powerful adjective is and why they are important in story writing.

What Is an Adjective?

Stop

An adjective is a **describing word** that can either:

come **before** a noun, e.g. The pupils did some **remarkable** work;

come **after** a form of the verb 'to be'
(is/am/are/was/were/be/been/being),
e.g. The pupils' work was **remarkable**.

Spot the Adjective

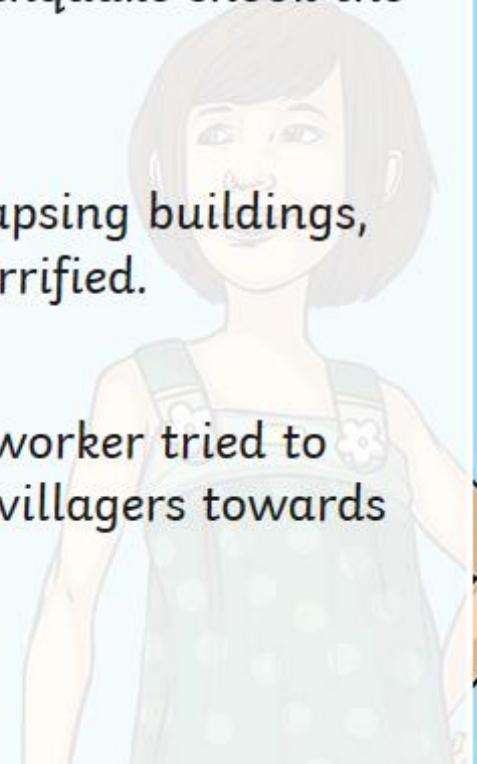
Can you spot the **powerful adjectives** in these sentences?



The menacing earthquake shook the ground.

Running past collapsing buildings, the people were terrified.

The calm charity worker tried to point the anxious villagers towards a place of safety.



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You could have replaced '**good**' with...

exquisite

splendid

marvellous

magnificent

glorious

breath-taking

superb



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You could have replaced '**shocked**' with...

stunned

shaken

taken aback

astonished

astounded

staggered

flabbergasted



Powerful Adjectives!

- Powerful adjectives are great for story writing!
- They involve the reader and hook them in. They also have a greater impact on who is reading the story!

Task

- Red Task - I can add a suitable powerful adjective to the sentence using the word bank provided.
- Yellow Task - I can read the sentences and replace the adjective with one that will have a greater impact.
- Green Task - I can rewrite the sentences and use powerful adjectives to describe the noun.