

USING ADJECTIVES TO MAKE DESCRIPTIONS MORE INTERESTING



Think about each of the following and write words and phrases to describe it. Use the questions in italics to help you.

A cup

- *What colour is it?*
- *Are there pictures or patterns on it?*
- *How big is it?*
- *What is it made of?*
- *When was it bought?/Who bought it?*
- *What is it used for?*
- *Who uses it?*
- *Why is it different from other cups?*

A T-shirt

- *What colour is it?*
- *Are there pictures or patterns on it?*
- *How big is it?*
- *What is it made of?*
- *When was it bought?/Who bought it?*
- *What is it used for?*
- *Who uses it?*
- *Why is it different from other T-shirts?*

A cat

- *What colour is it?*
- *What pattern does it have on its fur?*
- *What does its face, ears, nose, tail, etc. look like?*
- *What species is it?*
- *How big is it?*
- *What does it do? / What sound does it make?*
- *Does it belong to anyone? Who does it belong to?*
- *Why is it different/special from other cats?*

A person sitting on a bus

- *What is the gender of the person?*
- *Is the person young or old?*
- *What does the person's hair and face look like?*
- *What is the person doing or saying?*
- *How might the person be feeling?*
- *Is the person affecting others around?*

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A cup

Through the bubble wrap, I could already see its brilliant colours. When I unwrapped the cup, the first thing that caught my eye was the abstract drawing of a colourful cat. It was sitting upright with its head tilted to the side. It had piercing eyes that seemed to look directly at me. As I held the cup by its short and stumpy handle, I could feel its weight which did not surprise me as it was made of ceramic. It was heavier than the usual cups I had. I was already thinking of washing it and using it to make my favourite hot chocolate drink. I was glad that I had decided to order it when I saw it in the online catalogue.

A T-shirt

It was my favourite T-shirt. My mother bought it for me last week during the sale at the shopping mall. It had a rounded collar and short sleeves. There were two white circles on the sleeves that looked like buttons. It was light green at the top and dark green at the bottom. It was the only two-toned T-shirt that I owned and I thought it had a unique colour. It was made of polyester fabric that was comfortable both for indoor and outdoor use. It was also tighter than my usual T-shirts as I wanted it to fit me better.

A cat

My neighbour had a cat that she rescued from the void deck. It was a lively and adorable cat and it was more affectionate than other cats I knew. It was light brown with white patches on its body. It had a long dark brown tail that it swished about when it was pleased. When it was afraid or angry, its tail would be upright. It had a rather plump body but its face and legs were disproportionately small. It had a small pointed face and two small black eyes that were half hidden by its thick coat of fur. It was certainly a noisy cat for it was meowing all the time. Sometimes, it would wake us up as well as it often meowed and scratched at the walls late at night.

A person sitting on a bus

The elderly man sat at the front of the bus. He had a large bald spot at the top of his head and straggly white hair that covered the rest of his head. Wrinkles lined his face and his mouth drooped at the corners. His small dark eyes stared hard at every passenger that got up the bus as though he could see right through them. Most of the passengers avoided looking at him. Occasionally, he would smile and nod at a fellow passenger who looked about his age. However, he never spoke even when the other passenger tried to talk to him.