Adjectives are 'describing words'. In the phrase 'the blue balloon' the word 'blue' is an adjective and the word 'balloon' is a noun. It is often the case that adjectives describe nouns.

Try and use a variety of adjectives to make your writing more descriptive and more interesting. Select the adjectives in the following sentences.

1. The road comprised large houses and a tiny shop.
   [ ] comprised, and
   [ ] houses, shop
   [ ] large, tiny
   [ ] road, large

2. The old book had lost its original cover long ago.
   [ ] book, cover
   [ ] lost, long
   [ ] old, original
   [ ] The, its

3. The long transporter delivered the new car today.
   [ ] delivered, today
   [ ] long, new
   [ ] The, the
   [ ] transporter, car
4. This bag is heavy but that bag is light.
   [ ] bag, bag
   [ ] heavy, light
   [ ] is, is
   [ ] This, that

5. That chair is wooden but this chair is plastic.
   [ ] chair, chair
   [ ] is, is
   [ ] That, this
   [ ] wooden, plastic

6. The quick brown fox jumped over the slow white dog.
   [ ] jumped, over, the, dog
   [ ] quick, brown, slow, white
   [ ] The, fox, the, dog
   [ ] The, jumped, over, the

7. A small grey mouse frightened the timid little child.
   [ ] A, mouse, the, child
   [ ] A, the, timid, child
   [ ] mouse, frightened, the, child
   [ ] small, grey, timid, little

8. The colourful bird perched on the highest leafy branch.
   [ ] bird, perched, branch
   [ ] colourful, highest, leafy
   [ ] perched, on, highest
   [ ] The, the, branch
9. An interesting article appeared in our local newspaper.

[ ] An, our
[ ] article, newspaper
[ ] in, our
[ ] interesting, local

10. Cheap biscuits are good but expensive ones are better.

[ ] are, good, are, better
[ ] biscuits, are, ones, are
[ ] biscuits, but, are, better
[ ] Cheap, good, expensive, better
Answers

KS3 English Quiz
Adjectives

1. The road comprised large houses and a tiny shop.
   [ ] comprised, and
   [ ] houses, shop
   [x] large, tiny
   [ ] road, large
   *The road comprised LARGE houses and a TINY shop*

2. The old book had lost its original cover long ago.
   [ ] book, cover
   [ ] lost, long
   [x] old, original
   [ ] The, its
   *The OLD book had lost its ORIGINAL cover long ago*

3. The long transporter delivered the new car today.
   [ ] delivered, today
   [x] long, new
   [ ] The, the
   [ ] transporter, car
   *The LONG transporter delivered the NEW car today*
4. This bag is heavy but that bag is light.

- bag, bag
- [x] heavy, light
- [ ] is, is
- [ ] This, that

'Heavy' and 'light' are adjectives = the heavy bag

5. That chair is wooden but this chair is plastic.

- chair, chair
- [ ] is, is
- [ ] That, this
- [x] wooden, plastic

'Wooden'/plastic' are adjectives = the wooden chair

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- jumped, over, the, dog
- [x] quick, brown, slow, white
- [ ] The, fox, the, dog
- [ ] The, jumped, over, the

You can use several adjectives to describe a noun

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- [ ] A, the, timid, child
- [ ] mouse, frightened, the, child
- [x] small, grey, timid, little

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   [x] colourful, highest, leafy
   [ ] perched, on, highest
   [ ] The, the, branch

   The COLOURFUL bird perched on the HIGHEST LEAFY branch

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   [ ] An, our
   [ ] article, newspaper
   [ ] in, our
   [x] interesting, local

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   CHEAP biscuits are GOOD but EXPENSIVE ones are BETTER