

# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - HAPPY

The words below are all synonyms for 'happy'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

amused cheerful contented delighted ecstatic  
glad jovial overjoyed pleased thrilled

Even though Gary was ill, he remained **cheerful**.

Once she heard the news, Bina laughed in a **delighted** way.

I asked gran if she would like another cup of tea and she gave a **pleased** smile.

When Mark heard that he had a new baby sister, his **ecstatic** screams were deafening!

I offered Martin some more cake but he gave a **contented** smile and said that the delicious slice of apple pie had filled him up.

I thought the programme was boring, but Gurbir watched the whole thing with an **amused** smile.

Burt was **thrilled** to win the poetry competition.

Brian was **glad** to sell the painting for an extra £5.

Sam asked an **overjoyed** Alex for her hand in marriage.

Garth was always a **jovial** man, unlike his grumpy brother.

# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - SAD

The words below are all synonyms for 'sad'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

blue   depressed   despairing   despondent   devastated  
gloomy   glum   heartbroken   miserable   unhappy

The farm had one skinny **miserable** looking horse and a tiny field of dry grass.

When Ian learnt there were no more tea bags in the office, he gave an **unhappy** frown.

It had rained all week and Henry was feeling **blue** .

The **depressed** writer returned from the bookshop. After six weeks on the shelf his book had been bought by nobody.

I tried to cheer up Philip but he was in a **despondent** mood.

Max had spent weeks on his painting. When he spilt ink over it, he gave a **devastated** cry.

Paula always thinks things will go wrong. She has such a **gloomy** outlook.

Alone in the lifeboat, Adrian looked around at the empty sea and let out a **despairing** howl.

Nip was not impressed with the new dog food and gave it a **glum** look when I poured it into his bowl.

My **heartbroken** grandfather told me that the cat had decided to live next door.

# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - NICE

The words below are all synonyms for 'nice'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

charming considerate courteous friendly kindly  
likeable noble obedient pleasant polite

My uncle is a very **likeable** man. Everybody is happy to meet him.

Everybody gets on with Tom. He is a very **likeable** boy.

Because Kevin was such a **polite** boy, the waiter was happy to change his meal.

Harry soon fitted into his new school because of his **friendly** classmates.

My **considerate** aunt always chooses thoughtful birthday presents.

My **kindly** daughter helped me paint the room.

Sir Gawain was remembered as a brave and **noble** warrior.

Ken was **pleasant** company and we spent a nice afternoon in conversation over a cup of tea.

My **courteous** son always holds doors open for others.

The **obedient** pupil did everything he was asked to.

# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - BAD

The words below are all synonyms for 'bad'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

cold-hearted greedy malicious mean nasty  
selfish unfriendly unkind unpleasant wicked

My **cold-hearted** uncle ignored the cries for help.

I tried to talk to the new pupil in the class but he was a very **unfriendly** boy

Our **mean** neighbour refused to throw our ball back over the fence.

I do not want to talk to or even spend any time with Boris. He is a very **unpleasant** person.

Simon is a **nasty** person and is always playing tricks on others.

A **wicked** grin spread across Dave's face as he crept up on his unsuspecting victim.

Khusro gave a **greedy** smile and poured the spare change into his pocket.

My **selfish** brother has used all of the bread so I can't make sandwiches.

Betty said some **unkind** things to me.

Lauren is always spreading **malicious** rumours.

# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - AFRAID

The words below are all synonyms for 'afraid'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

concerned edgy hysterical jumpy nervous  
shy spooked timid uneasy worried

I watched my **nervous** cousin waiting to go up on stage.

Sheila gave the twisted bike frame a **concerned** look.

My cousin is waiting for an important phone call. He has been **edgy** all day.

As the rollercoaster approached the first bend, a **worried** look spread across Amit's face.

Adam's **hysterical** screams could be heard as soon as he entered the Ghost Train.

Ever since the loud bang, Terry has been terribly **jumpy**.

I hoped that Fred would enter the talent competition but he is very **shy**.

The **spooked** horse refused to go outside after the first flash of lightning.

My **timid** cousin wanted to hide when the big dog bounded over.

I had an **uneasy** feeling that something was going to go wrong.

# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - ANGRY

The words below are all synonyms for 'angry'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

irritated   bitter   enraged   furious   outraged  
sullen   cross   fuming   sulky   maddened

Amit gave an **irritated** frown as the fly buzzed around his head.

Bill gave Kelly a **bitter** look. He had still not forgotten how she had behaved earlier.

He was **enraged** at the girl's foolishness.

I backed away from Mum's **furious** shouting when I told her I had broken her favourite vase.

Mary's **outraged** screams could be heard as soon as she saw the plans to close the library.

The boy sat in silence, refusing to talk to anybody and fixing everyone with a **sullen** glare.

Jenny was **cross** that it was not her turn to sit in the front of the car.

When I heard that Kerry had won the competition, even though she had clearly cheated, I looked around to see Katy **fuming**.

Zac walked around the shop with a **sulky** expression. He did not like going shopping with his parents.

Hugo was **maddened** that the shop had sold the last comic even though he had asked them to save him a copy.

# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - GOOD

The words below are all synonyms for 'good'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

admirable   amazing   excellent   exceptional   nice  
outstanding   pleasing   satisfying   superb   superior

Mr. Williams was an **excellent** head teacher

I watched an **amazing** magic show at the weekend and told all of my friends about it.

The actor won many awards after his **outstanding** performance.

The crisp gave a **satisfying** crunch when I bit into it.

I have seen many talented artists but Bill is an **exceptional** painter.

The sculpture was a **superb** piece of craftsmanship.

The song had a **pleasing** tune.

Mr. Jenkins had done an **admirable** job in keeping everybody at the party entertained.

Heather wore a **nice** suit.

At the school fête, many people wanted to try a slice of Polly's dessert; it was a **superior** cake.

# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - HARD

The words below are all synonyms for 'hard'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

arduous    challenging    complex    difficult    laborious  
mind-boggling    problematic    puzzling    tough    tricky

It was a **difficult** job to fit all of the clothes in the suitcase.

Tom found some of the tasks in the escape room **puzzling** at first but solved them after a few minutes' thought.

There was a **challenging** climb to the top of the mountain.

It was a **tough** job delivering all of the newspapers in the snowstorm.

We had to find a way around a **complex** maze of corridors before we found our way out.

Anthony did not know how to get himself out of the **tricky** situation.

None of the scientists was able to solve the **mind-boggling** equation.

Cutting the huge tree into small logs was a **laborious** task.

The family made an **arduous** journey through the desert.

Andrea was facing a **problematic** situation and could not think of any solution.



# POWERFUL ADJECTIVES - HOT

The words below are all synonyms for 'hot'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

blazing boiling humid muggy oppressive  
scalding scorching searing sweltering warm

He poured the **boiling** water down the sink.

The grass died under the **scorching** sun.

I did not like the **humid** atmosphere in the greenhouse.

That **sweltering** afternoon, hundreds of people went to cool off at the beach.

I put down the **scalding** coffee and waited for it to cool down.

**Blazing** magma shot out of the volcano.

We sat by the **warm** fire to dry our damp clothes.

The summer air was **muggy** in the valley and we hoped for rain.

The **oppressive** heat meant that everybody stayed inside until after sunset.

It was not pleasant travelling in the **searing** heat of the desert.

# POWERFUL VERBS - COLD

The words below are all synonyms for 'cold'. Place them in the sentence where they fit best. Use each word only once.

arctic biting bitter brisk chilly  
cool crisp freezing frosty wintry

It was a beautiful but **crisp** morning.

During the **freezing** weather, the birds found it difficult to find food.

Be careful on the **frosty** pavements.

Mavis wore a scarf and woolly hat in the **wintry** air.

I wore four layers of clothes and was still cold in the **arctic** weather

Eric pulled on a jumper when the air grew **chilly** .

I cannot wait for warm spring instead of this **bitter** weather.

His thin gloves offered little protection against the **biting** wind.

Uncle Bert wears his favourite jumper as soon as the weather is **cool** enough.

I had to hold my hat down as I walked outside that **brisk** morning.