UNIT 21 Adjectives

A **phrase** is a group of words.

Sometimes a single **adjective** is not enough to describe a noun or pronoun.

We can use a **phrase** to describe something so that the reader has a clear picture of what we are writing about.

Look at this picture.

We could describe the picture like this.

An **old** lady is crossing the road.

old = single adjective

A reader would have a much clearer picture of the old lady if we wrote:

An old lady **with a big floppy hat** is crossing the road.

with a big floppy hat = adjective **phrase**

Look at this picture.

We could describe the picture like this.

The **silent** garden was covered in snow.

The **deserted** garden was covered in snow.

If we put the two adjectives together we have an **adjective phrase**.

The garden, **silent and deserted**, was covered in snow.

Focus

What is the **adjective phrase** in each sentence?

1 The weather, cold and wet, kept us in all day.
2 The handsome but sulky prince was in a mood.
3 The wood was dark and frightening in the moonlight.
4 Five small blue flowers had grown on the rubbish heap.
5 The dog with the injured leg was howling.

Practice

A Use these **adjective phrases** in sentences of your own.

1 *sleek and graceful*
2 *with no shoes*
3 *frozen and slippery*
4 *with an umbrella*
5 *old but useful*
6 *blue and gold*

B Write a sentence with an **adjective phrase** to describe each of these nouns.

1 *a meadow*
2 *feathers*
3 *a cough*
4 *a photograph*
5 *a shepherd*
6 *a dolphin*

Extension

Three of the examples below are **adjective phrases**.
Three are **sentences**.

1 *thank you said Jim*

2 *Sonu ran home*

3 *the poor injured*

4 *shivering and frightened*

5 *give me that*

6 *with a heavy bag*

A Find the three **adjective phrases**.
Add a verb and any other words you need to make each one a sentence.

B Find the three **sentences**.
Write them with the correct punctuation.

Story Settings Description

Key Words

spooky dark quiet damp

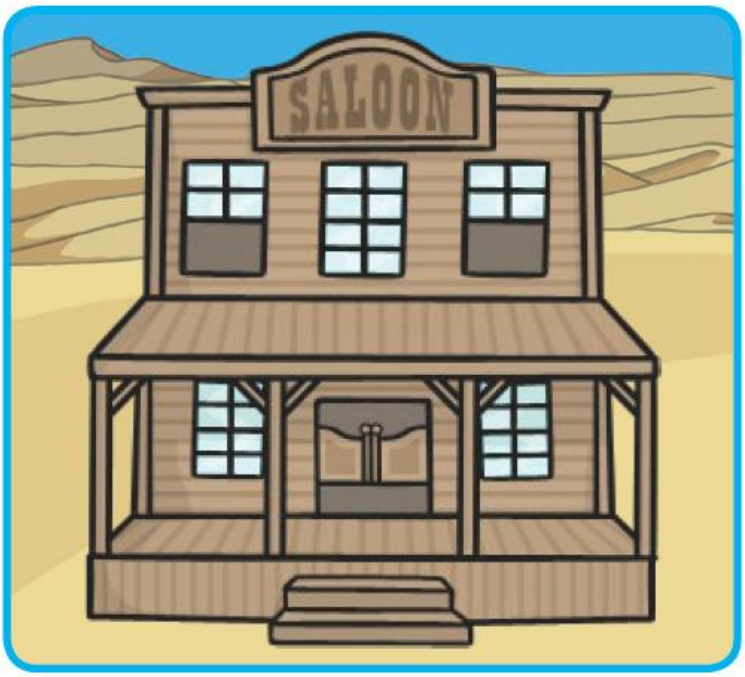
freezing gloomy creepy

calm peaceful lonely

wild leafy cold terrifying

hidden

Can you write a paragraph about this setting?



Key Words

sandy dusty hot

scorching bright

dry warm old wild

wooden old-fashioned

unattractive dirty filthy

arid

Can you write a paragraph about this setting?

Key Words

windy warm hot tropical

beautiful magnificent

noisy dangerous

ferocious swashbuckling

daring sandy exciting

adventurous frightening

Can you write a paragraph about this setting?

Key Words

beautiful magical

enchanting glowing

glistening glittering stunning

fantastic magnificent starry

quiet bright majestic

glamorous elegant

Can you write a paragraph about this setting?

Now choose one of your story settings that you have written and complete the story: