



APPEARANCES



Discuss

- What does 'appearance' mean? How do you describe something or someone?
- What are adjectives?
- What do you look like?
- What does the area around you look like?

Vocabulary

Pick 2 things to draw. Be as detailed as you can. Talk to your teacher or neighbor and describe the pictures you have drawn.

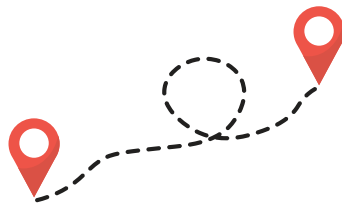
Things you could draw:

A dog, a waiter or a cook, a spider, dolphins, a flower, a businessperson, a statue."

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Comprehension

Justin had always dreamed of seeing the famous pink dolphins near Lantau Island, but luck was never on his side. These rare, magical creatures, known for their vibrant pink colour, were hard to spot. On his last attempt, Justin ended up with food poisoning after eating at a cheap, run-down cha chaan teng. Despite the disappointment, he wasn't ready to give up. In the summer of 2019, he decided to try one more time. He dressed in light summer clothing, sprayed on bug repellent to keep the mosquitoes away, and packed his essentials—phone, keys, and wallet. However, in his excitement, he forgot one crucial item: his camera.



Justin began his journey by taking the clean, air-conditioned MTR from Central station. The train was packed with office workers, even on a weekend, and Justin couldn't understand how they could wear tight suits in such heat. After arriving in Tung Chung, he transferred to a double-decker bus heading to Tai O. The bus ride was slow and winding, passing through lush mountains and dense forests. Along the way, Justin glimpsed the majestic Big Buddha Statue, which left him in awe. The ride was so long that Justin eventually dozed off, only to be jolted awake when the bus came to a sudden stop. A minor car accident had blocked the narrow road, and the driver announced they'd have to wait. Justin grew frustrated—he was so close to his destination, and time was running out. The last boats to see the dolphins would leave at sunset, and he worried the tickets might sell out.

Comprehension



After what felt like forever, the road was cleared, and the bus continued its journey. Justin passed the time chatting with a friendly couple who had a fluffy corgi with them. He loved corgis, especially the way they wiggled their little behinds when they walked. Finally, the bus arrived in Tai O, and Justin rushed to the boat area, relieved to secure a ticket for the next departure. The boat was old but sturdy, and Justin took a seat near the front for the best view. As the boat set off, he felt a surge of excitement—this was his chance to see the pink dolphins. But then his heart sank. He realised he'd forgotten his camera at home. His phone could take pictures, but it wouldn't capture the moment as beautiful as his camera could. Justin felt miserable, but just as he was about to give in to disappointment, the couple from the bus tapped him on the shoulder. They noticed his distress and offered to share the photos they took. Justin felt a wave of relief and gratitude.

As the boat ventured further into the ocean, Justin's spirits lifted. Suddenly, the pink dolphins appeared, leaping gracefully out of the water. It was a breathtaking sight—their pink bodies glistening in the sunlight as they danced through the waves. Justin watched in awe, his heart racing with joy. After years of trying, he had finally seen them. When the boat returned to shore, Justin exchanged contact information with the couple, who promised to send him the photos. As a bonus, he even got to pet their adorable corgi. It was a perfect end to an unforgettable day. For Justin, this would forever be his favourite summer memory.



Questions

Answer the questions in full sentences.

1. What was the weather like in Hong Kong that day?

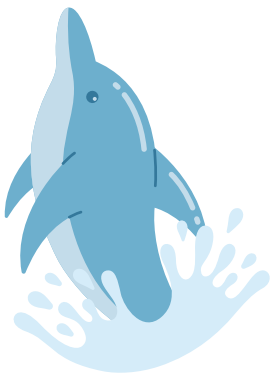
2. Why did Justin want to see the pink dolphins?

3. Why did it take so long to get to Tai O?

4. Why did he think he would not get to see the pink dolphins?

5. What did Justin forget and how did that make him feel?

6. What was Justin's reaction to seeing the pink dolphins?



Grammar

Question Words

Adjectives are words or phrases which help describe something. The most common adjectives describe what people or things **look like** and people's **feelings**.

Examples:

The **dirty** man went back to work as a gardner.

The **big** dog chased the **tiny** ball.

The boy was **happy** because he had passed the **tough** exam.

The **sad** girl kept crying for her mom.



Practice I

Find 10 more adjectives in the story about Justin you just read and put them in either the box for **appearance** or the box for **feelings**.

Apperance	Feelings

Using Adjectives Correctly

Certain adjectives can only describe certain things.

You **CANNOT** always use one adjective to describe everything. You need to be careful you are using the right adjective to say what you want.

Examples of Incorrect Usage

The boy feels **big** because he fell down.

(Using size to describe what should be a feeling word)

The **upset** girl is having fun playing with her friends.

(Using the wrong emotion for the situation)



Practice II

Circle the correct adjective for each sentence.



1. The (blind/joyful) man needs a guide dog to tell him where to go.
2. I hate eating broccoli because it looks (pretty/gross).
3. Justin is a (terrible/great) student because he always passes every exam with an A.
4. I had a (fantastic/awful) birthday because all my friends came and gave me gifts.
5. I am so (scared/brave) of the dark that I need to sleep with the lights on.
6. That looks like (quick/old) cheese because it has mold on it.
7. The (skinny/chubby) dog was able to go through the small dog door easily.
8. The (clean/rusty) car looked good as new because it was washed.

Practice III

Sometimes nouns have no adjectives (descriptions).
Write in an appropriate adjective for each noun.

1. The octopus **ate** a **fish**.

The hungry octopus **ate** a small **fish**.

2. The **boy** hit the **dog**.

3. The **frog** ate a **fly**.

4. The **cat** jumped on the **bed**.

5. A **car** hit the **tree**.

6. The **girl** ran to her **house**.

7. A **horse** jumped over the **fence**.

8. The **man** read the **newspaper**.



Homework

Write 6 sentences about yourself, your pet, your mom or dad, or your teacher.

Use a different **adjective** for each sentence.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____



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