

LINGUISHTIK WORKSHEET V.B1

NAME: _____

ADJECTIVE FUNCTIONS AND GENERAL DEMANDS – I (EMJS)

Adjectives answer the questions, *Which one? What kind? and How many?*

There are 4 adjective functions that may be called by Player Three in the Elementary and Middle Divisions:

- NOUN MODIFIER: describes a noun (Examples: The happiest blue birds were prettier.)
- PRONOUN MODIFIER: describes a pronoun (Examples: Someone, sneaky and quiet, became silent.)
- PREDICATE ADJECTIVE: an adjective that follows a linking verb and modifies the subject of the linking verb (Examples: The birds were pretty. They became loudest at dusk.)
- ADJACENT ADJECTIVE: an adjective that immediately precedes or follows the noun or pronoun that it modifies (Examples: The healthier and greener plants lived. Sixty black horses were sleepy.)

In all Divisions, there are 3 adjective general demands that may be called:

1. POSITIVE DEGREE OF COMPARISON: The simple form of the adjective. (Examples: happy, sleepy)
2. COMPARATIVE DEGREE OF COMPARISON: The form used to compare two things. (Examples: happier, sleepier, more beautiful, worse, better, less grumpy)
3. SUPERLATIVE DEGREE OF COMPARISON: The form used to compare three or more things. (Examples: happiest, sleepiest, most beautiful, worst, best, least grumpy)

NOTES:

- There are some modifiers that have no comparative or superlative forms; they do not vary in degree. These modifiers will be considered positive for the purposes of the game.
- If comparative or superlative is demanded, the adverbs *more*, *less*, *most*, and *least* do not need to be formed from the letters in the Letters section of the mat and/or the Resources.

EXERCISES: Underline each adjective. Under the line, write PA if it is a predicate adjective or AA if it is an adjacent adjective. Write POS, COM, or SUP if it is a positive, comparative, or superlative degree of comparison.

1. The furriest dog jumped over the sleepy brown fox.
2. The most beautiful flower was the least expensive.
3. The gorillas, scary and loud, wanted to become bigger.
4. The most xanthic medium, xenic and xeric, was rather xyloid.
5. The zippy, zooty music appeared zoppa.

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1. The furriest dog jumped over the sleepy brown fox.

AA-SUP

AA-POS AA-POS

2. The most beautiful flower was the least expensive.

AA-SUP

PA-SUP

Expensive follows the linking verb *was*, so it is a predicate adjective.

3. The gorillas, scary and loud, wanted to become bigger.

AA-POS AA-POS

PA-COM

Bigger follows the linking verb *become*, so it is a predicate adjective.

4. The most xanthic medium, xenic and xeric, appeared more xyloid than this.

AA-SUP

AA-POS AA-POS

PA-COM

Xyloid follows the linking verb *appeared*, so it is a predicate adjective.

5. The zippy, zooty music seemed zoppa.

AA-POS AA-POS

PA-POS

Zoppa follows the linking verb *seemed*, so it is a predicate adjective.