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Degrees of Comparison

Let's Understand It

Adjectives are words used to describe or point out nouns, or to specify their number or quantity.

Adjectives are also called **describing words**.

- ◆ He got **three** Christmas gifts.
- ◆ Robert's hat is **lovely**.

The words **three** and **lovely** qualify the nouns *gifts* and *hat* respectively. Both, **three** and **lovely** are adjectives.



Let's Practise It

A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate adjectives to complete the story.

favourite each important two next all most reputed entire
ordinary fair fine great magical shorter clever foolish one

The wit and wisdom of Birbal had spread in the entire kingdom. King Akbar was very impressed with his _____ judgments. He used to consult Birbal on all _____ matters. Birbal also became his _____ minister. Akbar trusted Birbal and gave him _____ powers. Birbal was also famous for solving _____ of the problems of the kingdom. _____ day, a _____ merchant's house was burgled. The merchant was devastated and asked Birbal for help. He narrated the _____ incident to Birbal. Birbal went to the merchant's house and called the servants. Looking at _____ one of them, he gave them a stick. He also clarified that the stick was not an _____ stick. He said that it had _____ powers. This stick would grow a length of _____ inches in the thief's house at night. _____ servants went home with their magic sticks. The _____ day, when the servants assembled again, Birbal found that the _____ stick was _____ by two inches. _____ Birbal instantly knew who the _____ thief was.

Let's Apply It

A. Join these sentences by using participles.

1. They heard the news. They rushed out immediately.
2. I found a heavy rush at the bus stop. I decided to take a taxi.
3. They drew their swords. They attacked the enemy.
4. Mr. Smith put on his overcoat. He went out for a walk.
5. She returned to her office to meet the parents. The parents were complaining.
6. He fed the dog. The dog was starving.
7. He had left the city far behind. It was very crowded.
8. We got the tyre replaced. It had a puncture.
9. Look at that man screaming. He has been my partner for eight years.
10. Vibha has married a wealthy businessman. She has resigned from her job.

B. Reframe these sentences in order to make them *sensible*.

1. While sitting under a tree, an apple fell on his head.
2. Rushing out of the house, a car knocked him down.
3. Barking furiously, she was attacked by a dog.
4. Going to the office, a traffic jam caught him.
5. Reading the notice again, the meaning became clear to me.
6. Coming home from the theatre, his pocket was picked.
7. Playing brilliant cricket, the match was easily won by our team.
8. Travelling in a bus, an idea suddenly struck me.
9. Putting the letter away in a file, my eyes fell on an old greeting card.
10. Walking through the market, a familiar voice attracted my attention.


