

## WHAT IS AN ADJECTIVE?

A Parts of Speech play

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**Setting:** The Winter Olympic movie house and skating rink

**Characters:**

**Narrator**                      **Adjective 1**

**Word 1**                         **Adjective 2**

**Word 2**                         **Adjective 3**

**Word 3**

**Word 4**

**Narrator:**     **The Words were roaming around the Winter Olympic grounds looking for something fun and different to do. Squeezing into a movie house, they heard loud talking and laughing.**

**Adjective 1:** (laughing) **Unsalted, soggy**

**Adjective 2:** (chuckling) **Stale, drippy**

**Adjective 3:** (snicker) **Greasy... Yuk!**

**Word 1:**         **WHO ARE YOU?**

**Adjective 1:** **Duh! I'm a WORD! I'm a special word called an "adjective." These are some of my friends. They're adjectives, too.**

**Word 1:**         **How come you have that special name "adjective?"**

**Adjective 1:** **My friends and I modify things.**

**Word 2:**         **(with attitude) Modify? What does *that* mean?**

**Adjective 2:** **We describe or give details about nouns and pronouns.**

**Word 3:**         **Is that all you do? Just say a bunch of words?**

**Adjective 2:** **No!**

**Word 4:**         **Are you ever in a sentence?**

**Adjective 3:** **Are you crazy! Of course, adjectives are parts of a sentence. Hey, adjectives, nouns and verbs, come here. Let's make a sentence about popcorn and show Word 4 what we do. Okay?**

**Narrator:** Some nouns, verbs and adjectives rushed together to make a sentence.

**Adjective 2:** Okay, Word 4, you asked for it, so read the sentence we made.

**Word 4:** The freshly popped, piping hot, and delicious popcorn is only \$1.00.

**Word 1:** But those aren't the adjectives you used before?

**Adjective 1:** That's because those adjectives were modifying a different bag of popcorn. (laughing) You see, not all popcorn is the same!

**Adjective 2:** Are you moving on?

**Word 4:** Yeah! It's getting boring in here. Want to go to the ice skating rink?

**Adjective 3:** Okay! That sounds like a plan!

**Narrator:** The Words whirled over to the rink and landed in the middle of the ice.

**Adjective 3:** Brrrrr! It's *really* cold in here!

**Word 1:** Well, let's warm up by making a *crazy* sentence with lots of adjectives?

**Word 2:** Okay! I'll read it when we're done.

**Narrator:** Once again, nouns, verbs and adjectives slide together to make a sentence.

**Word 2:** (dramatically) The thin ice cracked as the tall, sensational skater in a tight, purple and orange zebra-striped suit with a leopard-skinned cape with hot pink lapels jumped a triple axel and landed on his razor-sharp blade as it sliced into the milky, smooth surface.

**Adjective 3:** Can you name all of the adjectives?

**Word 4:** I'll try! Here goes: thin, tall, sensational, tight, purple, orange, zebra-striped, leopard-skinned, hot, pink, triple, razor-sharp, milky, smooth. Wow! That makes 14 adjectives! Awesome!

**Narrator:** All the words gave a "shout out" for themselves. Then, it was time to leave. They raced each other to see who could get into the black box first. As night fell, the words dreamed of getting an Olympic Gold Medal for winning "The Most Adjectives Race."