

# Identifying adjectives

Read these sentences and draw a circle around the adjectives. Then work out what type of adjective it is: numbering, comparing or describing. Colour in the circle next to your answer.

1. Sometimes, holidays can be boring.  number  comparing  describing
2. Have you heard about a fantastic program called Aerialize?  number  comparing  describing
3. You can run away to the circus for one week during the holidays.  number  comparing  describing
4. The best acrobats in Australia train children to perform in a circus.  number  comparing  describing
5. If you have a good sense of humour, you can learn clowning.  number  comparing  describing
6. If you are fitter, you can try acrobatics or the trapeze.  number  comparing  describing
7. A week at Aerialize is better than staying home.  number  comparing  describing
8. There are fifteen students per class.  number  comparing  describing
9. Teachers at Aerialize are experienced performers.  number  comparing  describing
10. At the end of the week, parents and friends attend a free mini-circus at Aerialize.  number  comparing  describing

**Underline all the nouns in this story. Then circle all the adjectives in this story.**

(Paragraph 1 has 6 adjectives and 9 nouns)

Tanya Streeter has an unusual obsession. She is a free-diver, which means that she dives without scuba gear. In a single breath lasting more than three minutes, she can descend 122 metres. Tanya uses giant flippers to propel herself.

(Paragraph 2 has 12 adjectives and 11 nouns)

“My mental strength is my best asset,” reports Tanya. “When I reach the bottom, I feel calm and alert. I have an incredible sense of inner peace during a dive. It is quiet. It’s difficult to come up because I am using up oxygen and the lactic acid is building up in my muscles. But the pain is worthwhile”

(Paragraph 3 has 12 adjectives and 17 nouns)

Tanya has a strict schedule before a dive. She builds up her physical fitness, training her muscles to work at low levels of oxygen. Safety procedures are important too, because last year a French free-diver died while attempting a world record. Free-diving is a dangerous and extreme sport, but many people like Tanya face the risks every day.