

Up-Stage Your Grammar

(KS2)

noun	<i>A noun is a naming word. It tells you the name of somebody or something.</i>				
	man	dog	house	rock	table
	tree	bus	pen	toy	farm

adjective	An adjective is a describing word. It describes somebody or something so they come before a noun or after a verb.				
	old man	big dog	new house	hard rock	wooden table
	tall tree	red bus	black pen	old toy	large farm

verb	<i>A verb is a doing word. It is an action or a thing you do.</i>				
	jump	cry	think	laugh	climb
	talk	sleep	walk	look	shout

adverb	An adverb describes a verb. It gives more detail about how something is being done. Many adverbs are adjectives with ‘-ly’ added to the end.				
	talk loudly	sleep soundly	walk slowly	look carefully	behave badly

powerful verbs	A powerful verb gives you extra information about what the characters are doing and how. They help the reader imagine what is actually happening. <i>The robber moved towards the house</i> doesn't tell you how the robber is moving. <i>The robber crept towards the house</i> tells you that the robber is moving very carefully because he doesn't want to be seen or heard. Crept is a powerful verb .					
	verb	walked	looked	eat	said	moved
	powerful verb	staggered	glared	gobble	whispered	lurched

From Simple to Complex Sentences

	(noun)	(verb)		(noun)	
The	man	walked	down	the	street.
<i>This tells us very little about the man or how he walked and we may all picture something very different.</i>					

	(adjective)	(noun)	(verb)		(adjective)	(noun)
The	young	man	walked	down	the	empty street.
Using adjectives we now know a bit more about the man and the street.						

	(adjective)	(adjective)	(noun)	(powerful verb)		(adjective)	(noun)	
The	injured	young	man	staggered	down	the	deserted	street.
<i>Using a powerful verb lets us know he is in trouble. Better adjectives add tension to the scene.</i>								

<i>(verb)</i>	<i>(adverb)</i>	<i>(adjective)</i>	<i>(noun)</i>	<i>(powerful verb)</i>	<i>(adjective)</i>	<i>(noun)</i>
Bleeding	badly,	th e	young	soldier	staggered	down the deserted street.
<i>We now have a good picture of what is happening and want to know what happens.</i>						