

# Year 2 Writing Tips for Parents

## Adjectives



### Syllabus Links

**EN1-9B:** A student uses basic grammatical features, punctuation conventions and vocabulary appropriate to the type of text when responding to and composing texts.

### Content:

- begins to understand that choice of vocabulary adds to the effectiveness of text.
- explores differences in words that represent people, places and things (nouns) and qualities (adjectives).
- understands how texts are made cohesive through resources, for example word associations, synonyms andonyms.

### Advice for Parents

Adjectives are words that tell us more about nouns and pronouns by describing them, adding detail or refining the meaning. By using adjectives, we can add meaning and interest to sentences. Children should also come to understand that a completely different picture can be produced by changing the adjectives in a sentence. Children should be encouraged to think about the adjectives they choose and to steer away from adjectives that have become meaningless through overuse, such as 'nice' and 'good'.

## Activities at Home

Here are some activities that you may want to try at home to help your child use adjectives.

### Stretch the Joke

Say or write a sentence or joke and identify the nouns. Ask your child to retell/rewrite the sentence or joke adding adjectives to the nouns.

**E.g.** Q. How do all the **oceans** say hello to each other?

A. They wave!

Q. How do all the **cool, blue oceans** say hi to each other?

A. They wave crazily!

### Self-esteem Adjectives

Take turns describing family members and/or friends using positive adjectives.

**E.g.** Dad is a **kind, happy** man.

**E.g.** Vansh is a **fast** runner.

### Opposite Quiz

List some adjectives. Have your child call out or write opposites. E.g. careless/careful, friendly/mean etc.

Alternatively, this game can be played using synonyms. E.g. careless/clumsy, friendly/kind etc.

### Portraits

Have your child cut out a picture of a place or a person from a magazine. Have them say or write sentences which include appropriate adjectives. E.g. This lady has black, curly hair and friendly eyes.