Shelter Word Hunt

Find adjectives that describe and compare.

3.11.D.iv "adjectives, including their comparative and superlative forms;"

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Mark each adjective that tells what a noun is like. Underline a regular adjective, circle a comparative adjective, and box a superlative adjective.

Shelter Visit Draft

1. On Saturday, our class visited the Riverbend Animal Shelter. The small building had bright windows and clean kennels. A playful brown puppy bounced near the door, while a sleepy gray cat rested on a soft blanket. Ms. Lin showed us a quiet room for nervous animals. She said calm spaces can help pets feel safe before they meet new families.

2. In the puppy area, the tan puppy was louder than the black puppy. It also had a longer tail and bigger paws. The black puppy was gentler with visitors, so Mia sat beside it. Both puppies needed daily walks, but the louder puppy needed more room to run. The workers chose the quieter room for the black puppy's nap.

3. Before we left, Mr. Ortiz asked each group to make a poster. Jay drew the tallest dog at the shelter, a gentle hound named Maple. Priya wrote that Maple had the softest ears and the friendliest eyes. Our group chose the most colorful paper for the poster. At the end, Maple was the happiest animal because a family decided to take her home.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. In paragraph 1, write the two adjectives that describe the cat.

2. In paragraph 2, write the two comparative adjectives that describe the tan puppy's tail and paws.

3. Which comparative adjective tells how the black puppy acts with visitors?

4. Write all five superlative adjectives in paragraph 3.

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write three sentences about a place you know. Use at least one regular adjective, one comparative adjective, and one superlative adjective. Then check your draft: underline each adjective and explain why its regular, comparative, or superlative form fits your meaning. Keep correct forms or repair them.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · TEKS 3.11.D.iv

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Mark each adjective that tells what a noun is like. Underline a regular adjective, circle a comparative adjective, and box a superlative adjective. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	In paragraph 1, write the two adjectives that describe the cat.	**sleepy, gray**
2	In paragraph 2, write the two comparative adjectives that describe the tan puppy's tail and paws.	**longer, bigger**
3	Which comparative adjective tells how the black puppy acts with visitors?	**gentler**
4	Write all five superlative adjectives in paragraph 3.	**tallest, softest, friendliest, most colorful, happiest**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our park has a shady trail. The playground is busier than the picnic area. The tallest slide stands near the gate.

Draft check: Keep shady as a regular description. Keep busier because it compares two areas. Keep tallest because it compares the slides in the park.

Accept correctly identified regular adjectives and correctly sorted comparative and superlative forms in the passage. For question 4, accept the five superlatives in any order. Check for a reasoned keep-or-correct decision on the drafted adjective forms. Do not require an error in a correct draft.