

TALE OF A FEW ADJECTIVES

It's time to put it all together—finding positive, comparative, superlative, and absolute adjectives. We all know that they are great, greater and the greatest adjectives. Some of them are even perfect!

Directions: Draw a petal (box) around all of the adjectives (again, let's skip the articles). If the adjective is comparative, write "C" over the top. If the adjective is superlative, write "S" over it. If the adjective is absolute, write "A." When you're finished, quietly wave your hands in the air.

Example: In the beginning of the novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*, the short, pretty Lucie Manette thought her father had met a ^Afatal end in prison.

1. The classic novel takes place in two settings, London and the even more intriguing Paris.
2. Under the worst conditions in prison, Lucie's father, Dr. Manette, learns to cobble shoes.
3. The great mystery behind Dr. Manette's imprisonment elicits infinite speculations.
4. Dr. Manette has aged in prison, becoming a white-haired man with a much fainter voice from disuse.
5. Because of deepest shock, Dr. Manette collapses after learning that the golden-haired woman in front of him is indeed his daughter, Lucie.
6. In order to preserve Dr. Manette's well-being, Lucie insists on leaving immediately for the safer England.
7. Lucie's perfect love helps restore Dr. Manette to health, although the gloom from his terrible past does return at times to disturb his peace.
8. The author, Charles Dickens, beautifully illustrates the eternal hope that humanity can be restored through the faithful love of another.
9. Later in this fascinating novel, Dr. Manette is able to be not only restored but to reach an even richer level by helping rescue another man, Charles Darnay.
10. "It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."

Don't forget the comparatives either end with **-er** or have a **more** in front of them. Superlatives either end with **-est** or have a **most** in front of them.

