



# Learn English Through Stories

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Upper - Intermediate

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## **Banta Learning Adjectives and Adverbs 1 by K S Sandhu**

### **A Day at Jarrold's Nature Park**

One bright Saturday morning, Buntree woke up feeling extremely excited. Today her family was visiting Jarrold's Nature Park, a new place that promised something much better than an ordinary zoo. Everyone in the house was awake early, eating breakfast quickly because they were all thrilled about seeing the animals.

When they arrived, the entrance looked modern and welcoming. There were no ugly metal cages or high fences that made visitors feel depressed. Instead, the animals lived in large, open enclosures. Buntree immediately thought the park seemed fascinating and very different.

The first area was the tropical forest. The air felt warm and humid, and tall trees created a green ceiling above them. Suddenly, loud bird calls echoed around. Buntree looked up and saw bright parrots flying freely. The sight was so amazing that she felt completely astonished. "This is incredible!" she said, her voice full of enthusiasm.

Next, they reached the monkey area. The monkeys swung energetically from branch to branch, making funny faces. Tom, Buntree's little brother, found them extremely amusing. He laughed so much that his face turned red. One small monkey looked especially cheeky, stealing fruit from another and running away quickly. Everyone felt entertained by their playful behaviour.

Then came the most terrifying moment. Behind thick glass stood an enormous spider with long, hairy legs. At first, Buntree felt really frightened and stepped back. Her heart beat fast. The spider looked menacing, but the guide smiled and explained that it was actually harmless to people. After a few minutes, Buntree's fear disappeared. She started feeling interested instead of scared. "It's quite fascinating when you look closely," she admitted.

Later, they found the panda bears sitting quietly, chewing bamboo. The pandas appeared so relaxed and content that Buntree wanted to watch them forever. Tom said they looked cuddly and adorable. The family felt charmed by their gentle movements.

By late afternoon, the long day of walking made everyone feel exhausted but deeply satisfied. On the drive home, Mum asked, "Was it boring?" Buntree

answered immediately, “No way! It was the most inspiring place I’ve ever visited. The animals looked happy, not bored or stressed.”

That night, as Buntree lay in bed, she thought about the day. The park had been truly captivating. It showed that animals could live in ways that were stimulating for them and enjoyable for visitors. She felt grateful and already motivated to return soon – perhaps with friends next time.

Jarrold’s Nature Park wasn’t just a zoo. It was a place that made people feel inspired to care more about the natural world.

### **Questions:**

Question 1: Why did Buntree and her family wake up early on Saturday morning?

Question 2: How did the animals live at Jarrold’s Nature Park? (Mention two differences from an ordinary zoo.)

Question 3: How did Buntree feel when she first saw the enormous spider, and what happened to her feeling later?

Question 4: Which animals did Tom find especially amusing and why?

Question 5: What did Buntree think about Jarrold’s Nature Park at the end of the day? Give one reason from the story.

### **Answers:**

Answer 1: Buntree and her family woke up early because they were very excited / thrilled about visiting Jarrold’s Nature Park and seeing the animals.

Answer 2: The animals lived in large, open enclosures. There were no ugly cages or high fences (unlike an ordinary zoo).

Answer 3: At first Buntree felt really terrified / frightened and stepped back. Later she started feeling interested / fascinated instead of scared.

Answer 4: Tom found the monkeys especially amusing because they swung energetically from branch to branch and made funny faces (and one looked very cheeky while stealing fruit).

Answer 5: Buntree thought Jarrold’s Nature Park was the most inspiring place she had ever visited. One reason is that the animals looked happy (not bored

or stressed) and the park made people want to care more about the natural world.

# 19 Adjectives with nouns and verbs; -ed and -ing forms



## 1 Adjectives with nouns

Adjectives give more information about nouns. Their form does not change for singular and plural nouns or for male and female:

*A young girl and two young boys came to the party.*

Adjectives usually come before a noun: ✓ *a white lamb* ✗ *a lamb white*

- We can put two or more adjectives before a noun. We don't usually use *and*:  
✗ *a little and white lamb* ✓ *a little white lamb*
- But if both adjectives describe colours or two similar qualities, we put *and* between them:  
*a black and white horse* *a long and boring film*

## 2 Adjectives with verbs

We can use adjectives after the verbs *be*, *appear*, *become*, *get*, *feel*, *look*, *seem* and *taste*:  
*The lambs are lovely.* (= They are lovely lambs.) *That lamb looks cute.*

*Our new teacher seems nice.* *Can we go home now? I'm getting tired.*

- We use *and* between two adjectives after a verb: *That flight was long and tiring.*
- The adjectives *alive*, *afraid*, *alone*, *asleep* and *awake* are always used after a verb.

! We cannot use them in front of a noun:

✗ *They are asleep children.* ✓ *Be quiet. The children are asleep.*

Adjectives formed from nouns and verbs ➤ Unit 96.1

## 3 -ed and -ing forms

We sometimes use verbs ending in *-ed* and *-ing* as adjectives:

*I like painted furniture.* *Do you like smoked meat?* *The police are looking for a missing person.*  
*Some people say Leonardo da Vinci invented the first flying machine.*

Participle clauses ➤ Unit 75

Many *-ed* and *-ing* adjectives describe feelings, but we use them in different ways. We use

- *-ed* adjectives to describe how we feel: *I'm confused.* *The students are interested.*
- *-ing* adjectives to describe the thing that causes our feelings:  
*The rules are confusing.* *It's an interesting lesson.*

We often use *-ing* adjectives to ask about or give an opinion about something:


*Do you think horror films are frightening?* (= Do they frighten you?)

*My cousin is really boring.* (= He makes me feel bored.)

! We don't use *-ing* adjectives to talk about how we feel:

*Tell me more about the course.* ✗ *I'm very interesting.* ✓ *I'm very interested.*


## Practice

1 Write the words and phrases in the correct order.  2.37 Listen and check.

- 0 feels sweater soft this *This sweater feels soft.* .....
- 1 bird is that alive ? .....
- 2 friendly new neighbours seem our .....
- 3 awake your guests are ? .....
- 4 weather and was hot the sunny .....
- 5 you car a getting are new ? .....
- 6 was it a long difficult and test .....
- 7 yellow we've orange got wallpaper and .....
- 8 in big lives old my aunt house a .....

2 Complete each sentence with a suitable *-ed* or *-ing* form of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 After a long day at work Jake always feels *tired*..... (tire)
- 1 Jackie heard some ..... news from her friend. (shock)
- 2 Dale and Fred think their new computer is really ..... (excite)
- 3 There was a ..... phone in the call box so Harry couldn't use it. (break)
- 4 Can you help me? I find these ticket machines very .....! (confuse)
- 5 Egyptian tombs usually have ..... walls and ceilings. (paint)
- 6 Have you found the ..... keys yet? (miss)

3 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Find eight more mistakes in the advertisement and correct them.  2.38 Listen and check.**JARROLD'S NATURE PARK**

Do you think zoos are <sup>boring</sup> ~~bored~~ and unnatural?

Do you prefer to see beautiful and wild animals in their natural environment?

**Jarrold's Nature Park** is an excited new way of seeing animals. We know our animals are sensitive lived creatures so we keep them in enclosures that are large, open. There are no ugly cages or high fences.

We have animals beautiful from all parts of the world. Your children will love the amazed tropical forest with its birds and monkeys.

From enormous terrified spiders to cute panda bears. Jarrold's has them all.

**Jarrold's Nature Park.** It's much more than a zoo ordinary!



## Answers

### UNIT 19

- 1** 1 Is that bird alive? 2 Our new neighbours seem friendly. 3 Are your guests awake? 4 The weather was hot and sunny. 5 Are you getting a new car? 6 It was a long and difficult test.  
7 We've got yellow and orange/orange and yellow wallpaper. 8 My aunt lives in a big old house.
- 2** 1 shocking 2 exciting 3 broken  
4 confusing 5 painted 6 missing
- 3** Do you think zoos are ~~bored~~ boring and unnatural? Do you prefer to see ~~beautiful and wild~~ beautiful wild animals in their natural environment?  
Jarrod's Nature Park is an ~~excited~~ exciting new way of seeing animals. We know our animals are sensitive ~~lived~~ living creatures so we keep them in enclosures that are ~~large, open~~ large and open. There are no ugly cages or high fences.  
We have ~~animals beautiful~~ beautiful animals from all parts of the world. Your children will love the ~~amazed~~ amazing tropical forest with its birds and monkeys.  
From enormous ~~terrified~~ terrifying spiders to cute panda bears, Jarrod's has them all.  
Jarrod's Nature Park. It's much more than a ~~zoo~~ ordinary an ordinary zoo!



## Answers