

# Describing

## Part A

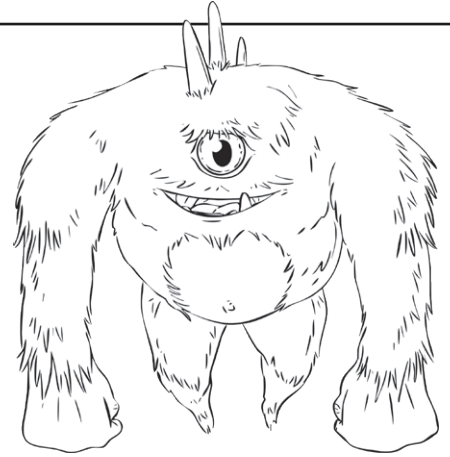
The word bank contains adjectives that were used in 'How to Skin a Bear'.

Adjectives are words that describe nouns.

Choose an adjective from the word bank that fits well in each of the following sentences.

slimy snuffling furry muddy rotten muscular juicy sturdy fierce heavy

E.g. The **fierce** monster growled and plodded towards me.



1. The \_\_\_\_\_ ground made it difficult to walk.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables gave off an awful smell.
3. She bit into the \_\_\_\_\_ peach.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ cat brushed past his owner's legs.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ child put a scarf on before she went out to play in the cold.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ statue had stood firmly in position for over a century.
7. My brother helped me move my \_\_\_\_\_ books into my room.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ lion leapt from the ground onto a large rock with ease.

Now write a sentence including the following adjectives:

mossy

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painful

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sharp

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half-eaten

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## Part B

Chapter 7 includes lots of description. Read pages 51-56 again, searching for and writing down words and phrases which describe or give you information about the following things:

the bear

the river

### ★ Challenge Task ★

Write a description of a Stone Age animal of your choice such as a mammoth, a boar, a deer or a sabre-toothed cat.

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# Describing Answers

## Part A

1. The *slimy* ground made it difficult to walk.
2. The *rotten* vegetables gave off an awful smell.
3. She bit into the *juicy* peach.
4. The *furry* cat brushed past his owner's legs.
5. The *snuffling* child put a scarf on before she went out to play in the cold.
6. The *sturdy* statue had stood firmly in position for over a century.
7. My brother helped me move my *heavy* books into my room.
8. The *muscular* lion leapt from the ground onto a large rock with ease.

Example answers:

*The mossy rocks were slippery after the heavy summer rain.*

*Bee felt a painful scratch on her foot as she stepped on a thorn.*

*Dad reached for a sharp flint to help him cut the meat.*

*Rat reached for the half-eaten duck leg.*

## Part B

the bear

*small, black eyes, grins, glinting white teeth, as sharp as arrowheads, roars, makes the ground tremble with an earth-shattering roar, hot breath, stinks of rot and rage, mighty limbs, piercing black eyes, sharp white teeth, huge, curved claws, blood-stained, small eyes shine with malice, brown fur, drool dangles from teeth, foul breath, deadly teeth*

the river

*blue water gurgles and glitters, freezing, raging, waves, rush, gush, waterfall, jabbed rocks, like a spell to lure the unwary, deathly drop*

★ ★  
★ Challenge Task ★

Example answer:

*The gigantic beast plodded towards me. His vast legs looked like carpeted tree trunks and his immense tusks were curved like enormous toe nails. I could not imagine for a minute that I would go up and touch this imposing creature, but I imagine his fur would feel fuzzy with sharp spikes at the ends. There was a tufty bit on the top of his head, which almost made it look as if he were wearing a dark, hairy hat. His black, beady eyes peered out from behind a curtain of brown hair and he raised his powerful trunk into the air as he moved in my direction.*