

MAN vs **BEE**

Netflix: Man Vs Bee

**Writing to Describe –
Adjectives and Adverbs**



The background of the entire slide is a close-up photograph of a honeycomb. The hexagonal cells are filled with a dark, glistening substance, likely honey. Several bees are visible, some resting on the cells and others in motion. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the wax and the details of the bees.

Learning Objective

To use adjectives and adverbs to write coherently and creatively about characters and actions.

Targeting NC Grammar and Vocabulary Objective 1c

Success Criteria

- To recap the definitions of word classes.
- To engage creatively with an audio-visual text.
- To be inventive and ambitious with our word choices.

~~Describing Character~~

Create a word bank for this enduring TV character...

How many of your words are **adjectives**?

Are there any **adverbs**?

hapless

endearing

childlike

gawky

adverbs:
words or phrases
that modify or
qualify (typically
describe verbs
and often end '-
ly')

outmoded

inept

comically low-
pitched voice



From Bean to Bingley

Rowan Atkinson returns to the surreal world of physical comedy in the Netflix series *Man Vs Bee*. Playing the hapless Trevor Bingley, he is pitted against an irritating insect while housesitting a preposterously chic mansion.

Watch the clip and create word banks to describe characters (adjectives) and their actions (adverbs).



Descriptive Narrative

Write a paragraph describing what happens in those two minutes of television.

Success criteria:

- ✿ Give a clear sense of who these characters are.
- ✿ Include at least six adjectives.
- ✿ Include at least three adverbs.

Once complete, swap your work with a partner and identify the **adjectives** and **adverbs** used by colour-coding them.



Dramatic Extension

**Trevor is plagued by a bee.
In pairs, take it in turns to
act out an encounter with a
bee or another animal of
your choice.**

**The non-actor should provide
a descriptive commentary of
what's happening.**

**Make a note of the best
adjectives and adverbs used.**



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Starter

Describing Character

Students to describe the character of Mr Bean; encourage them to focus on personality as much as physicality, although those who are unfamiliar with the character can use the accompanying image to generate ideas.

The adjective enduring is also **emboldened** as an example.

Share ideas, including those on the PowerPoint slide which give some examples of ambitious vocabulary, and recap the definitions of adjective and adverb (provided as hover-overs). Students identify word classes of examples. If available, dictionary-thesauruses can be used to support the less able with word class and vocabulary.

Main Activities

From Bean to Bingley

Revealing the reason behind the starter task, we will be looking at a comparable Rowan Atkinson creation, so the Mr Bean word bank may come in handy in describing Trevor Bingley. Watch a short clip from Man Vs Bee - Chapter 1, 1:34 (Trevor's arrival) to 3:49 (close-up of remotes); students to create word banks for the characters within. This can be done either freehand or using the differentiated **Word Banks** worksheets. Another form of differentiation is to ask students to focus on different characters; Trevor being the most fertile for lower ability and Cupcake or Christian the more challenging. Re-watch at least once to add to ideas.

Descriptive Narrative

Once students have enough ideas to work with, they should write a paragraph (this could be extended for more able) describing what happens in those two minutes of television.

Plenary

Descriptive Narrative

Students swap work and assess against the success criteria, which can be adapted as appropriate for your class.

Dramatic Extension

To reinforce learning and in keeping with the text used, students could act out their own encounters with a bee or any other animal, with a partner applying descriptive words to their performance. Share best examples.

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Teaching Ideas

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Context

One in a series of stand-alone English skills lessons based on the Netflix series *Man Vs Bee*.

Resources

Netflix access
AV technological capabilities
Dictionary-thesaurus (optional)



Man Vs Bee Word Banks

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Trevor Bingley	
Character adjectives	
Actions	Corresponding adverbs

Nina (Mrs Kolstad-Bergenbatten)	
Character adjectives	
Actions	Corresponding adverbs

Cupcake	
Character adjectives	
Actions	Corresponding adverbs

Christian (Mr Kolstad-Bergenbatten)	
Character adjectives	
Actions	Corresponding adverbs



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Character adjectives	
<i>awe-struck, modest</i>	
Actions	Corresponding adverbs
<i>communicates</i>	<i>awkwardly</i>

Nina (Mrs Kolstad-Bergenbatten)	
Character adjectives	
<i>distracted</i>	
Actions	Corresponding adverbs
<i>speaks</i>	<i>authoritatively</i>

Cupcake	
Character adjectives	
<i>excitable</i>	
Actions	Corresponding adverbs
<i>nuzzling</i>	

Christian (Mr Kolstad-Bergenbatten)	
Character adjectives	
<i>casual</i>	
Actions	Corresponding adverbs
<i>wheels suitcase</i>	



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