

Categories of adjectives

The following are the **14 major categories of meaning that are expressed with English adjectives**. A few examples are listed for each category, but there are several more possibilities.

COLOR:	Light / Dark / Vibrant / Pale / blue, red, green, brown, yellow, black, white, purple, pink, etc....
SIZE:	big, huge, immense, enormous, mammoth, massive, vast, large, wide, spacious, small, little, tiny, high, long, tall, low , short, same as, gigantic, , petite, scrawny, etc...
SHAPE:	round (a ball), circle (a door knob), triangular, rectangular (a flag), square (a cake), oval (an egg), broad, curved, flat, etc...
FEELINGS:	happy, glad, beatific, blissful, cheerful, chirpy, content, pleased, satisfied, delighted, ecstatic , exalted, elated, sad, bereft, blue, broken, broken-hearted, broody, bruised, broody, careworn, deflated, dark, demoralized, depressed, desolate, despondent, disaffected, disappointed, disconsolate, discouraged, dismal, disillusioned, disheartened, dismayed, displeased, dissatisfied, distressed, distraught, doleful, down, downcast, downhearted, forlorn, tender, angry, excited, envious, embarrassed, frightened, etc...
SOUND:	cooing, deafening, faint, harsh, high-pitched, hissing, hushed, husky, loud, melodic, moaning, mute, noisy, purring, quiet, raspy, resonant, screeching, shrill, silent, soft, squealing, thundering, voiceless, whispering, etc...
QUALITIES AND APPEARANCE:	good, excellent, brilliant ,splendid, fantastic, magnificent, bad, terrible, awesome, awful, nice, beautiful, pretty, gorgeous, cute, glamorous, elegant, good-looking, handsome, ugly, unsightly, right, wrong, funny, amusing, entertaining, light, heavy, fat, stout, thin, slim, clean, dirty, filthy, straight, noisy, quiet, still, tranquil, calm, powerful, nutritious, adorable, adventurous, aggressive, alert, attractive, bloody, blushing, colorful, exciting, graceful, grotesque, drab, dull, homely, plain, precious, sparkling, fragile, frail, weak, strong, doubtful, bewildered, confused, puzzled, cautious, careful, concerned, innocent, guilty, crazy, silly, stupid, foolish, clumsy, intelligent, clever, cunning, shy, timid, rich, poor, wild, defiant, courageous, brave, helpful, helpless, unhelpful, etc...

CONDITION:	important, principal, paramount, famous, notorious, fictitious, real, true, false, imaginary, alive, dead, odd, weird, unusual, strange, outstanding, impossible, improbable, easy, difficult, closed, open, etc...
QUANTITY:	one, two, three, ... first, second, third, ... abundant, empty, heavy, light, numerous, substantial, significant, insignificant etc...
WEATHER AND TEMPERATURE:	cold, warm, hot, cool, rainy, windy snowy, foggy, sunny, cloudy, stormy, frozen, etc...
TIME:	late, early, punctual, behindhand, delayed, ill-timed, premature, tardy, unearthly, modern, traditional, old-fashioned, young, old, new, slow, swift, quick, rapid, brief, short, long, etc...
NATIONALITY AND ORIGIN:	American, Mexican, Moroccan,, African, Martian, etc...
TASTE/TOUCH:	bitter, delicious, fresh, juicy, ripe, rotten, salty, sour, spicy, stale, sticky, sweet, tart, tasteless, tasty, thirsty, fluttering, fuzzy, greasy, grubby, hard, hot, icy, loose, melted, plastic, prickly, rough, scattered, shaggy, shaky, sharp, shivering, silky, slimy, slippery, smooth, soft, solid, steady, sticky, tight, uneven, weak, wet, wooden, yummy, boiling, etc...
MATERIAL:	wooden, woolen, cottony, fibrous, metallic, bronze, etc...
AGE:	old, ancient, aged, senile, elderly, ageless, , overage, young, juvenile, adolescent, teenage, underage, youthful, etc...