

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. Story time

Listen again to the story of *Maisie and the Dragon*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwQCQ1V_ZWM&feature=youtu.be

- Say how you think Maisie feels during the day that her dragon is lost. Why do think she feels like that?
- Does the dragon feel the same way as Maisie? Why/not?

2. Identifying adverbs and adjectives in descriptions

Read *Nouns, adjectives and adverbs*.

- Identify the nouns, adjectives and adverbs in the text about how Maisie cares for her dragon.

3. Writing descriptively

You are going to say what you would do if you had to care for a pet dragon.

- Write sentences in each of the boxes on *Dragon Care*.
- Use adjectives and adverbs for description in your sentences.
- Use conjunctions to link together your ideas.

Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- Look at the *bird's eye view picture of the town* from the story. Where else could the dragon have gone on its day out? Draw and write about what the dragon got up to.

Nouns, adjectives and adverbs

Writing good description, we use **adjectives** and **adverbs** to give more information about **nouns**.

Nouns name things, including objects, creatures, people or feelings: *a ball*. Nouns often have words like *a, an, the* or *some* in front of them.

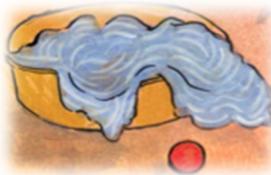
Adjectives are describing words. They often come before a noun (*a red ball*) but they can be further on in the sentence too: *the ball was red and round*.

Adverbs tell us a bit more about an adjective. We often use adverbs like *very, really, quite, extremely* and *rather* in descriptions: *an extremely bright red ball*.

What to do:

- Read the passage below.
- Highlight the **nouns** with one colour.
- Highlight the **adjectives** with another colour.
- Highlight the **adverbs** with a third colour.
- Check on the **Answers** sheet to see if you spotted them all.

How Maisie Cares for Her Dragon



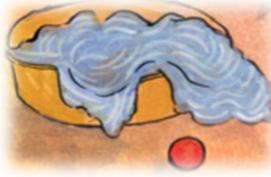
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Total number of nouns: _____

Total number of adjectives: _____

Total number of adverbs: _____

Which was your favourite adjective?

See if you can use that word in your own descriptive writing about caring for a dragon.

Dragon Care

What to do:

1. Think hard about how you would care for a pet dragon.
2. For each heading, write a sentence explaining **two** things that you would do to care for a dragon.
3. Link your ideas using conjunctions: *and, but, or, although* and *however*.
I would feed my dragon really hot peppers but I would only let it eat quite small amounts of ice cream in case this puts its fire out.
4. Use adjectives and adverbs in your sentences to describe nouns.

Food	
Exercise	
Toys	
Bedding	



