

**With descriptive adjectives:**

The *flashing* lights and *blaring* siren warned us to pull over and let the *emergency* vehicle pass.

She found a *dirt* path that led to a *pretty* garden behind the *thick* woods.

My uncle always has something *positive* to say to cheer me up.

**With repetitive or obvious adjectives:**

The flashing, *colorful* lights and *loud*, blaring siren warned us to pull over and let the *speeding* emergency vehicle pass.

*(Most emergency vehicles have colorful lights, so this detail is unimportant. Loud and blaring is repetitive. And it is quite clear to the reader from the context that the vehicle is speeding without mentioning it.)*

She found a *bumpy* dirt path that led to a pretty, *colorful* garden behind the thick, *shady* woods.

*(Most dirt paths are bumpy and uneven, so it isn't important to mention, unless it affects what happens next. A pretty garden usually has many colors, so readers will assume that it is colorful on their own. Thick trees mean more shade, so "thick, shady" is repetitive.)*

My *kind* uncle always has something positive to say to cheer me up.

*(It is clear from the context that the uncle is kind.)*



Always check your adjectives to be certain that they add meaning to the sentence.

*We will learn an exception to this rule about adjectives in the next lesson.*