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# Quirky, Jerky, Extra Perky



More about Adjectives

by Brian P. Cleary

illustrated by Brian Gable



One book is never enough to explore the wide range of amazing adjectives! The crazy cats deliver loads of additional examples to illustrate the potent power of adjectives to describe the wonderful world around us—and our incredible imaginations.

Brian P. Cleary's playful verse and Brian Gable's comical cats turn traditional grammar lessons on end. Each adjective is printed in color for easy identification. Read this book aloud and share the delight of the sense—and nonsense—of words.

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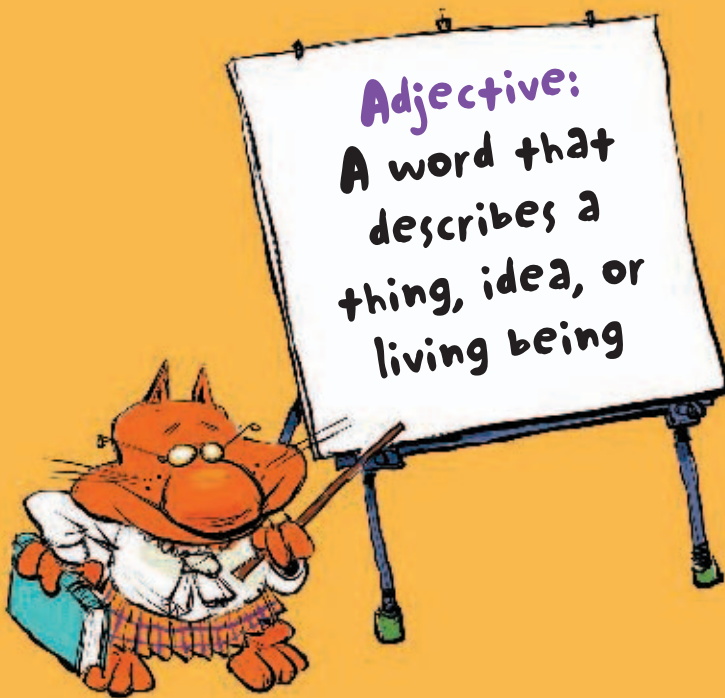


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To Fiona

—B.P.C.



**Adjective:**  
A word that  
describes a  
thing, idea, or  
living being



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# Adjectives

are words like **yellow**,

**sleepy**,

**slumping**,

Somewhat **mellow**.



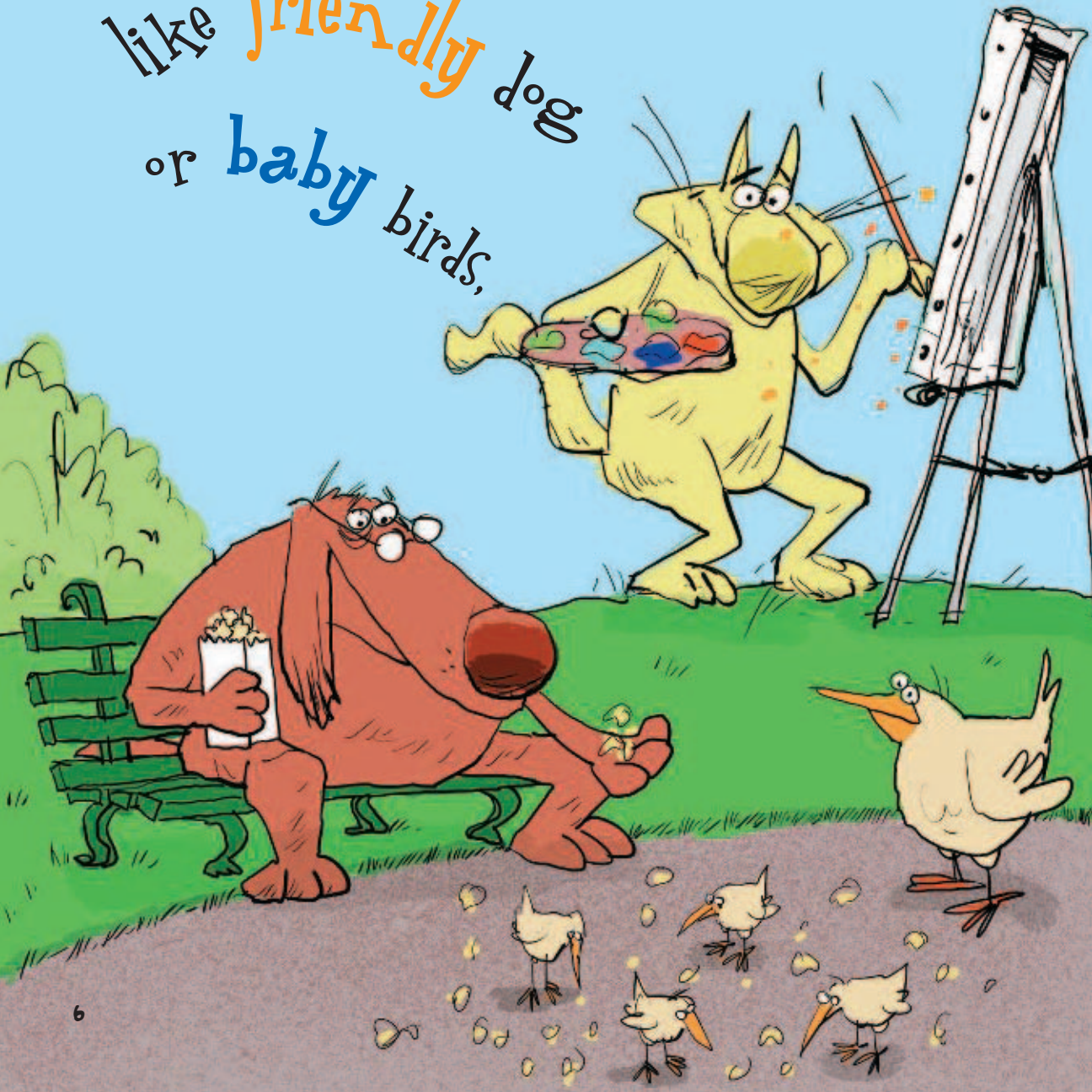


They give us lots of  
great description,  
like tall, left-handed,  
young Egyptian.

They paint a picture using words,

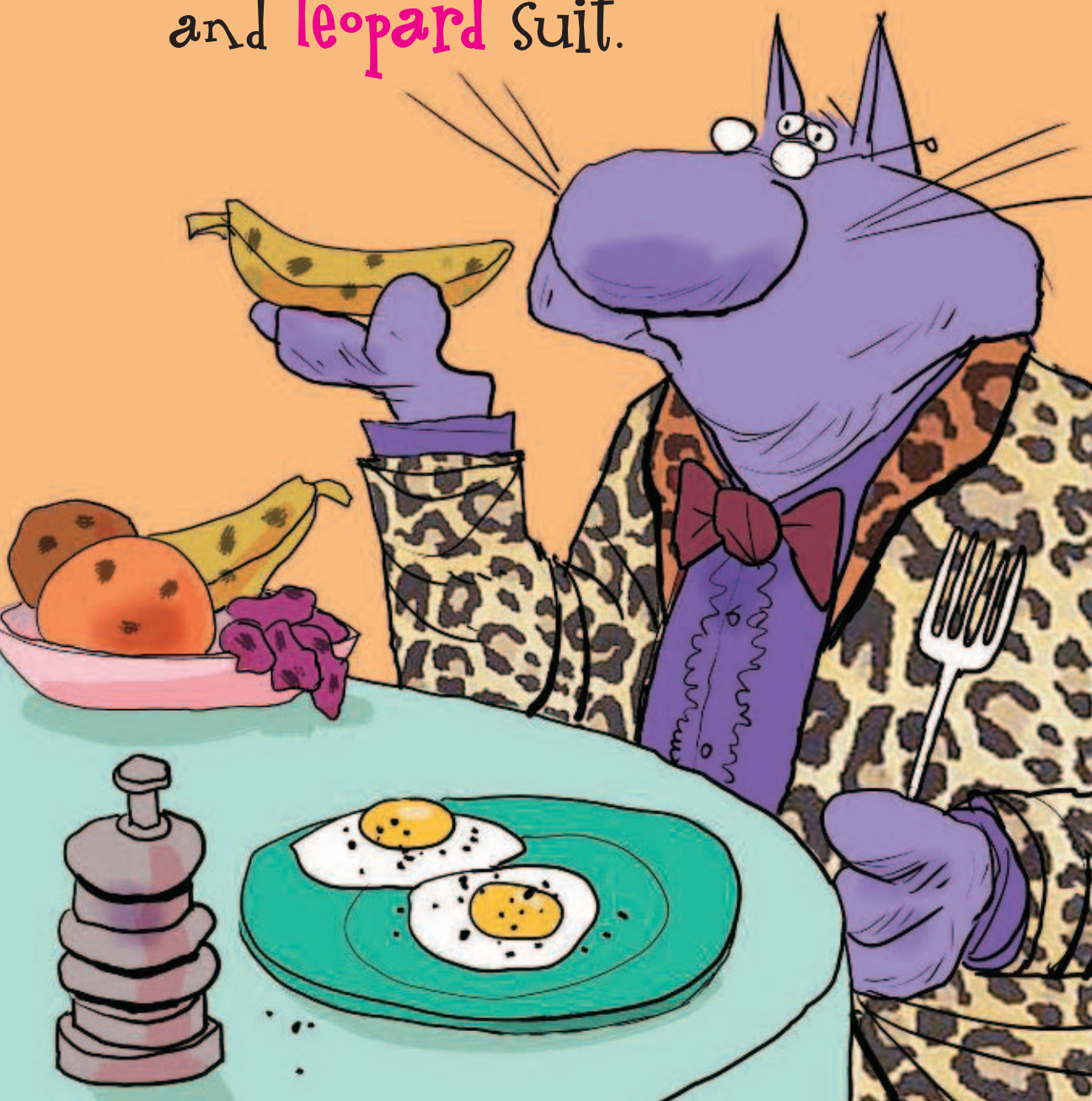
like **friendly** dog

or **baby** birds,



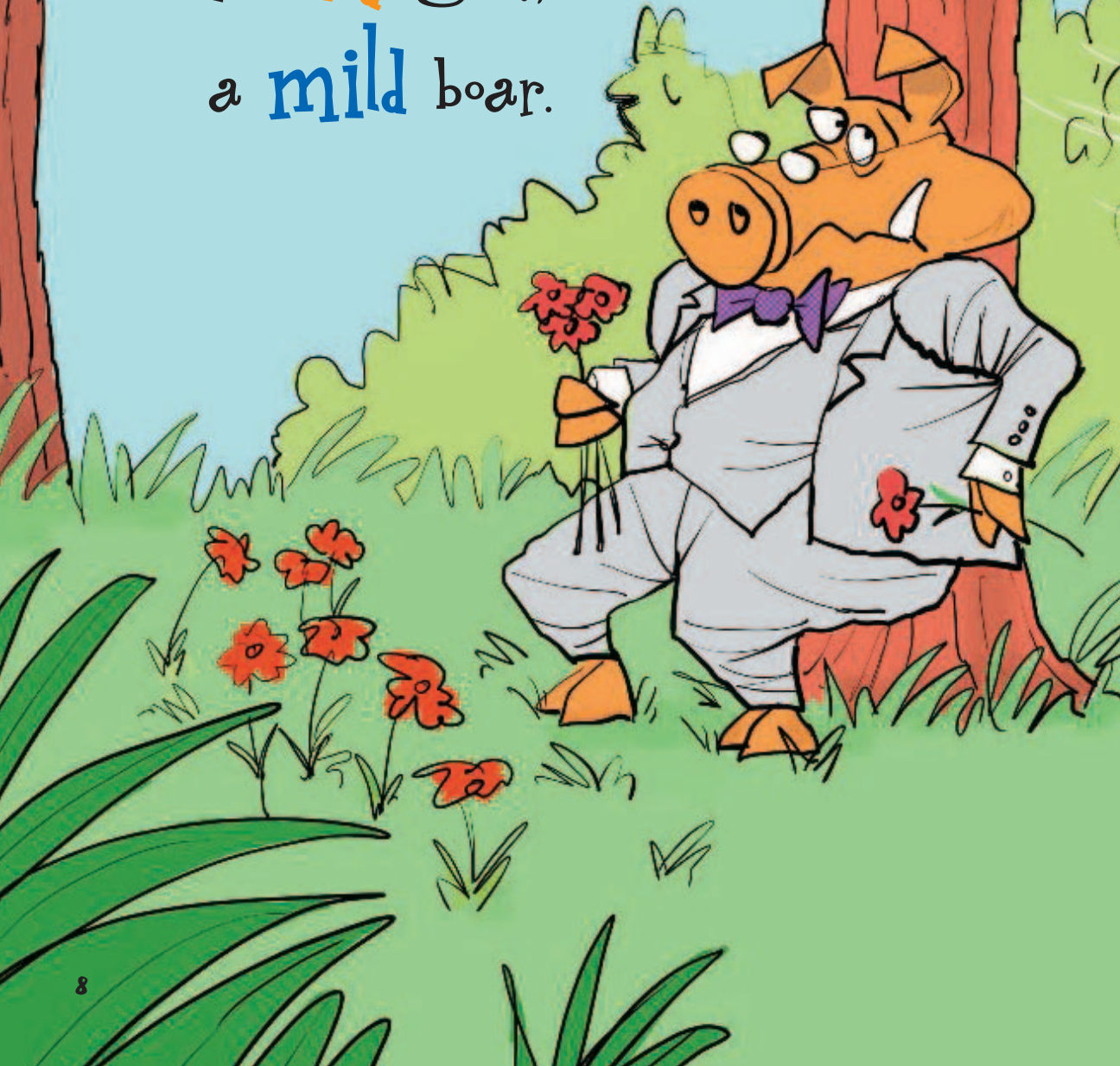


Spotted, nearly rotten fruit,  
peppered eggs,  
and leopard suit.



See how these words  
tell us more?

A **wild** goat,  
a **mild** boar.





Particulars are what you give  
**each** time you use an  
adjective.

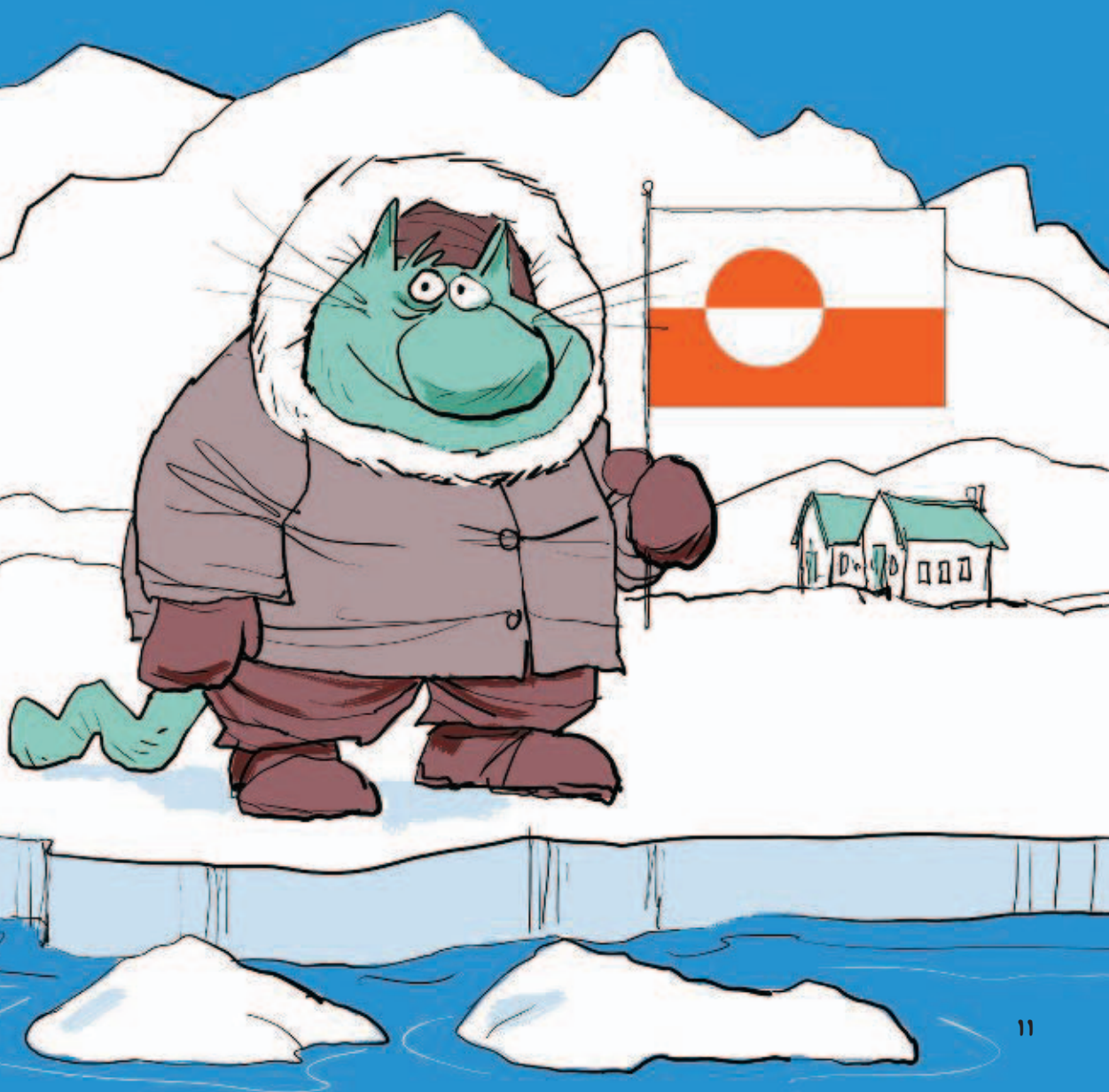


London's often **cool**  
and **clammy**.

**Humid** best describes Miami.



**cold's** a **handy** adjective  
if Greenland is the place you live.



Like **wrinkled** hands and  
**crinkled** pliers,

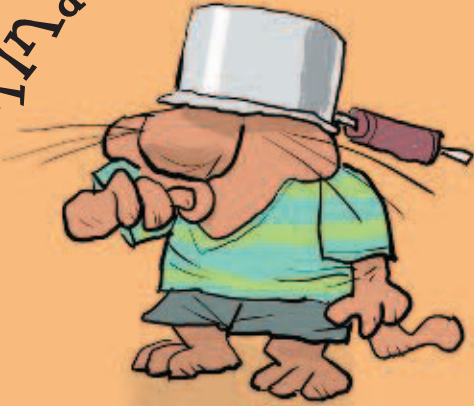


adjectives are modifiers,



telling more about the noun,  
like **crazy** cat or **lazy** clown.

Kind of **quirky**,



extra **perky**,

quite **polite**,

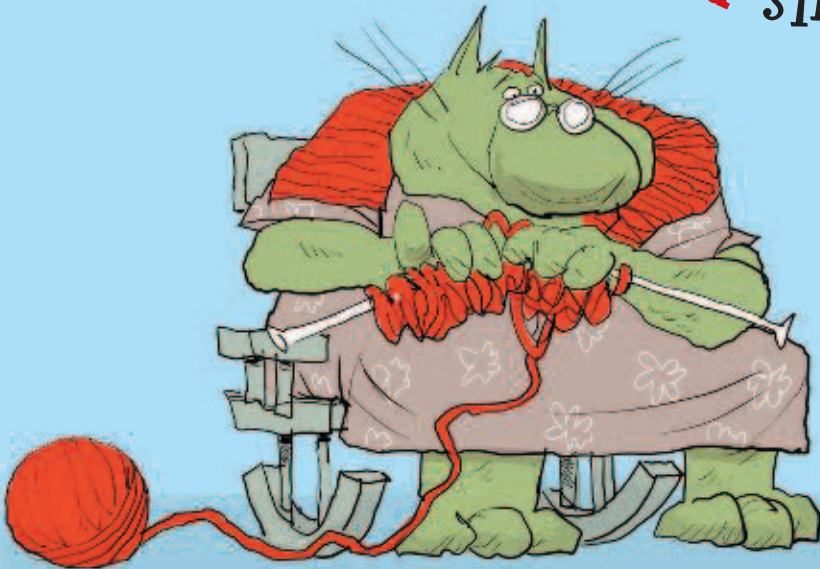


or **slightly jerky**.





Woolen socks, a knitted shawl—

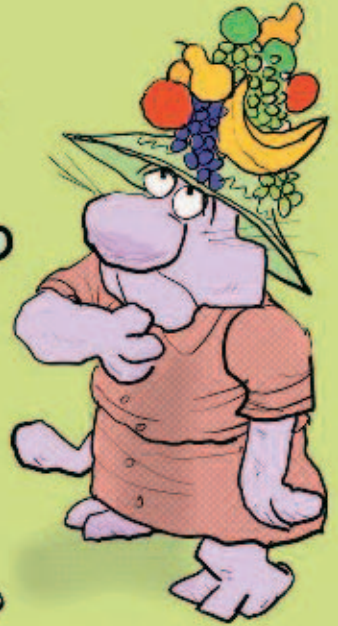


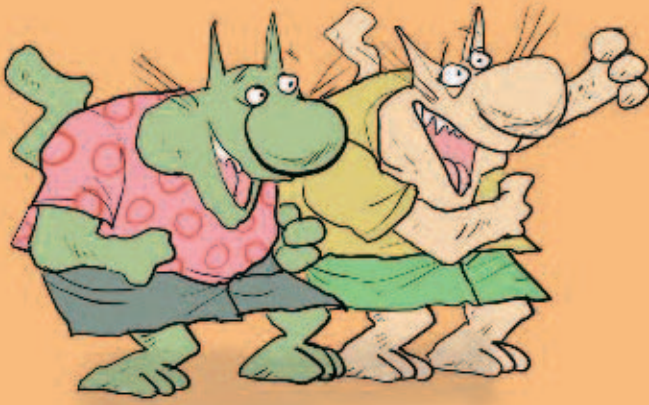
adjectives describe them all!

Like sly,

sarcastic,

so fantastic,



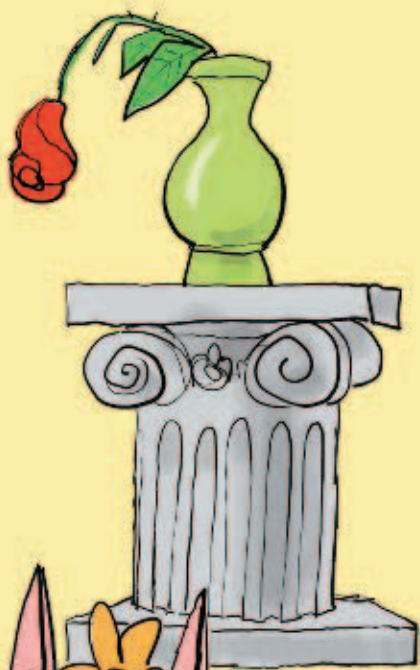


*enthusiastic*, and *elastic*,  
adjectives  
make phrases sing



and keep our language *interesting!*

A **wilted** rose, a  
**chartreuse** vase,  
a **cheery**, **kind**,  
and **florid** face.



Music that's **soothing**,  
soup that is **steaming**,

served in a bowl that's  
so **bright** that it's **gleaming**.





Adjectives tell us

when someone is **serious**,

**fearless** or **frightened**

or even **delirious**.

Like, "Hear the **mysterious** bat  
as it screeches."  
See how **exciting**

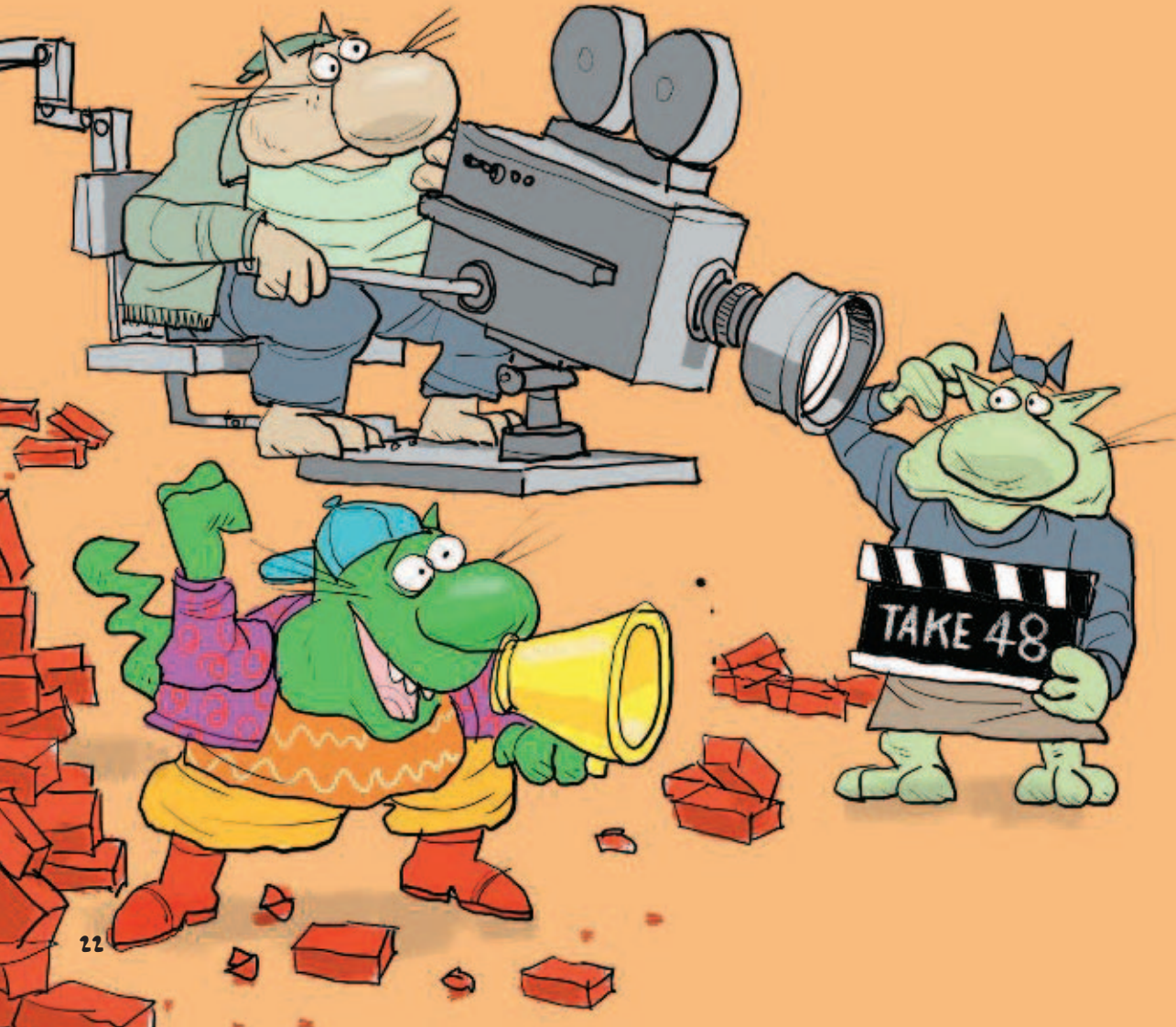


this **fun**

Part of Speech is?



They modify nouns  
in ways that explain  
if a movie is **brilliant**,  
**bizarre**, or **inane**.

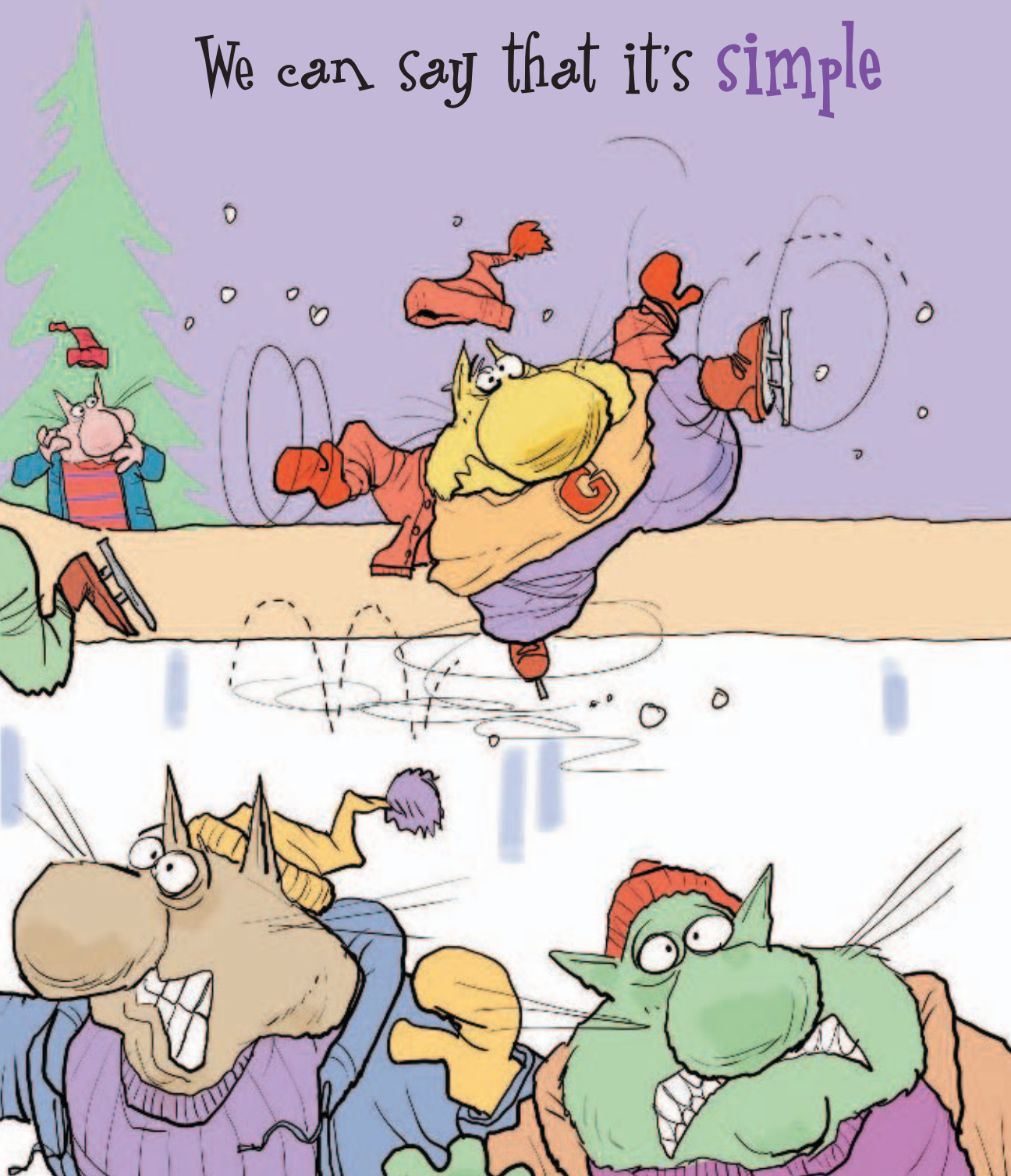




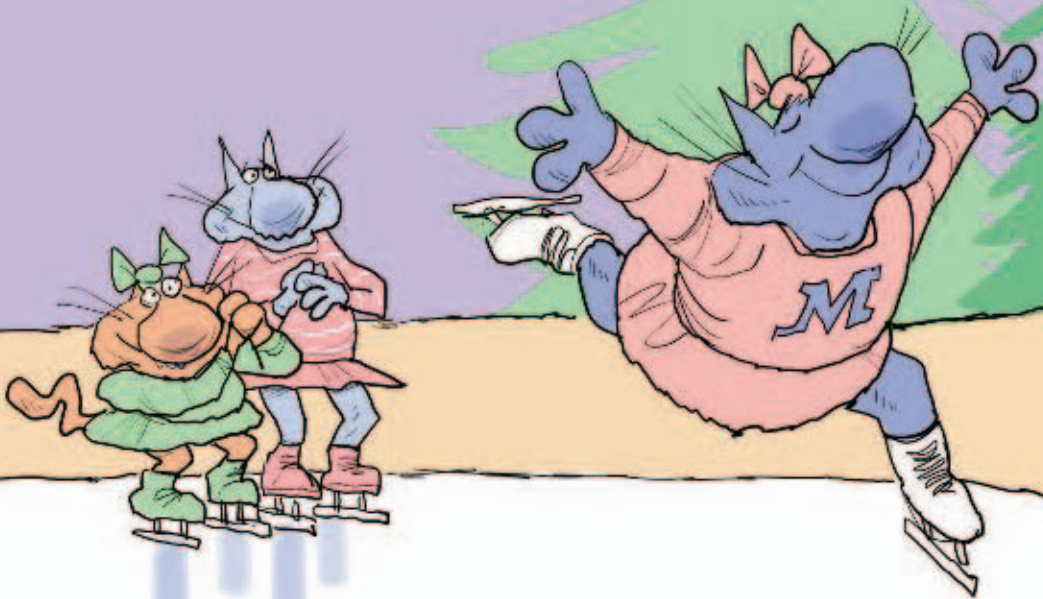
Because we have  
adjectives,  
we get to pick  
words like *crumbled* and *red*  
when describing  
a brick.



We can say that it's simple



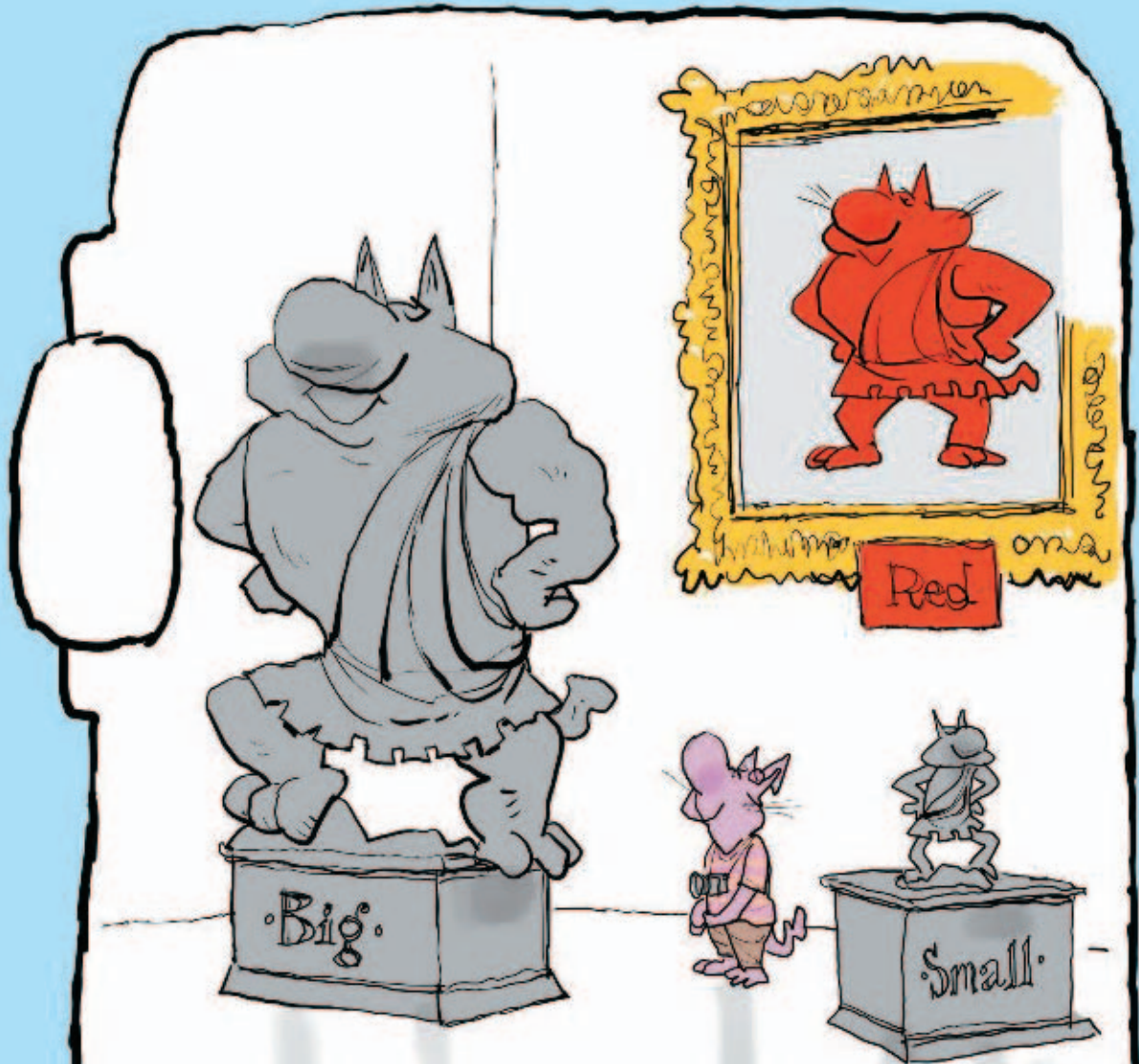
or Scary  
or Splendid,



describing the skating  
that Mary or Glen did.

They help us picture  
lots of things  
when we can't  
really see 'em.





Yes, adjectives  
help make our mind  
a kind of **art** museum!

They've told us of a doughnut  
that was **round**  
and **plump**



and **Sprinkled.**

The **winking** stars above us  
as they've sparkled  
and they've twinkled.

The **Sour** **apple** candies  
from the **cozy** **corner** store.

Adjectives help tell us  
about all these things  
and more!



So, what is an adjective?  
Do you know?







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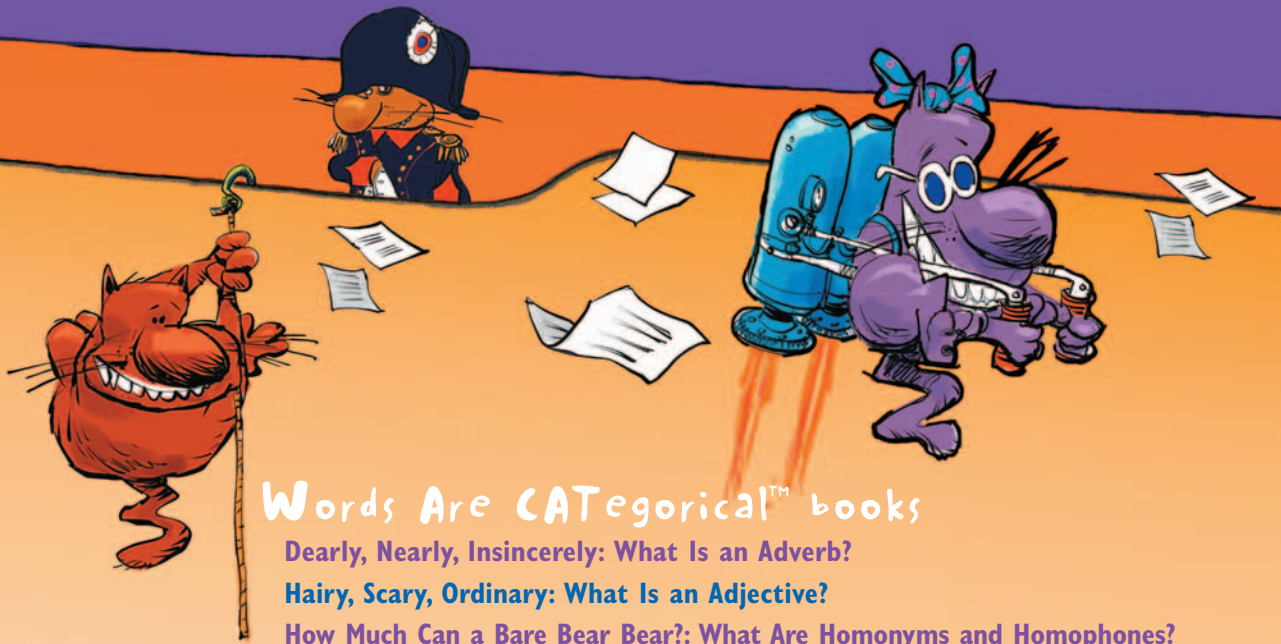
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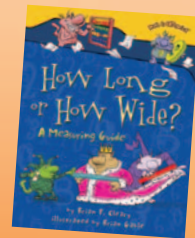


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