

Creating Concise Noun Phrases

7. scorching, modern

8. A. stormy, straining; B. heroic, horrific; C. rumbling, precipitous

9. Various answers, for example: A. Driving onto the cold, black ice, the car began to spin out of control and then crash against the tall, unstable tower. B. Jack and Ellen sprinted towards the speeding, white train, hoping that the distracted, friendly driver would see them and stop to let them on.

C. With a blink of an eye, the long, velvet curtains flew open and the loud, cheering sound of the jam-packed audience started within the theatre.

Accept suitable replacements, for example: A. "invisible" as the adjective "cold" does not explain why the car would drive onto it, and "old" as we can already assume the tower is tall; B. "electric" as the type of train helps us to imagine the speed but the colour does not and "busy" as this gives us more information about why the driver does not see them on the platform; C. "grand" as we can already assume the curtains are long, and "excited" as the fact that the audience are jam-packed already suggests they are loud.

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7. Various answers, for example: The timid, isolated girl sat quietly in the corner of her new classroom. The other children were busy charging around the noisy, confined room but they hadn't seemed to notice her or the hapless, frustrated teacher that was trying to catch their attention. She knew it would be a long, tiresome day and she just wanted to get through it and go home.

8. Various answers, for example: They balanced carefully in the crevice between the towering, weathered cliffs. Sheltered only by the impending, gloomy sky above them, they feared that these would be their last moments on earth and felt that they needed to appreciate the spectacular, dramatic environment surrounding them. As they looked down at the distant, desolate land below, they hoped for a miracle to save them.

9. True. Brown and bright do not offer any important information about the subject as it does not explain about the puppy exploring and being lost in a busy city.