



Let's look at using adjectives (describing words) in our story. Sometimes it is really useful to provide the reader with a clear picture of what something or someone looks like.

Top Tip! Every word must earn its place – if you use too many adjectives it can spoil your writing – only use a few that really work.

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Can you spot the adjectives? I have coloured them in red for you:

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Now your turn. In the story it says:

On the table, they could see the Emperor's mirror.

But it doesn't tell us what the mirror looks like!

Can you draw a picture of what you think the mirror looks like and then use adjectives to help describe it? You could just label it with adjectives or write a paragraph that could go into the story – use my example above to help you if you want.