Language Arts: Adjectives Unit Organizer

4th Grade Core Knowledge – Howe, Ronen, Siener

**Summary**

In this domain, students will learn to identify the different types of adjectives Including: adjectives, adjectives that compare with er, and est, adjectives that compare with more and most, demonstrative adjectives, article adjectives, possessive pronoun adjectives, and possessive noun adjectives. Students will also learn to use adjectives effectively in their writing and speaking. Students will demonstrate their knowledge of adjectives by completing homework and a unit test.

**The Big Idea**

Identify adjectives and be able to use them correctly and effectively

**Colorado State Standards**

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| **Content Area: Reading, Writing, and Communicating** | |
| **Standard: 3. Writing and Composition** | |
| **Prepared Graduates:**   * Apply standard English conventions to effectively communicate with written language | |
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| **Grade Level Expectation: Fourth Grade** |
| **Concepts and skills students master:** |
| 3. Correct sentence formation, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and spelling are applied to make the meaning clear to the reader |

**Common Core Standards**

F. Demonstrate command of the conventions of Standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. (CCSS: L.4.1)

iv. Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g. a small red bag rather than a red small bag) CCSS: L4.1d)

**Core Knowledge Language Arts**

Language Arts: Grade 4

1. Writing, Grammar, & Usage
2. Grammar and Usage
   * 1. Know the following parts of speech and how they are used: adjectives (including article adjectives)

**Previous Unit:** Verbs

**Prior Knowledge:**

1st – 3rd Grades

Students should already have knowledge of all eight parts of speech from previous grades, as well as from the Thompson Grammar series and Shurley Grammar. They should be able to identify adjectives (including article adjectives in sentences.

**Next Unit:** Adverbs and prepositions

**What students will learn in future grades:**

Students will use and identify adjectives in future grades in writing, speaking, and grammar classes. They will continue to write more complex sentence and paragraph structures that use all of the types of adjectives, adjectives that compare with er, and est, adjectives that compare with more and most, demonstrative adjectives, article adjectives, possessive pronoun adjectives, and possessive noun adjectives.

***Cross Curricular Links:***

Science:

Human Body

* Class presentations of projects

History:

American Revolution

* Class presentations of biographies

Language Arts:

Writing

* Used in all written work

**Additional Resources:**

For Students:

* Practice Town, Michael Clay Thompson (Royal Fireworks Press 2007)
* English 4, Houghton Mifflin (Houghton Mifflin 2006) 978-0-618-61120-1
* HBJ Language, Harcourt Brace Jovanich, Publishers 0-15-316414-X

For Teachers:

* Writers Express, Dave Kemper, (Write Source 1995)