

## 7 Vocabulary: Adjectives and Adverbs – Answer Key

Text: Abraham Cahan, *The Meeting*, from: Peter Freese, *New York*, Viewfinder Topics (München: Langenscheidt, 2011), pp. 13ff.

The exercises can be done before reading or after having read the text.

### B TASKS

#### 1 GETTING STARTED 1 - MAKE AN ACROSTIC

Acrostics for Jake and Gitl:

Joyous/ Jolly

Austere/ Arrogant

Keen/ Knowledgeable

Elegant/ Elated

Generous/ Gullible

Impatient/ Industrious

Thrifty/ Trustworthy

Loving/ Likable (Likeable)

#### 2 GETTING STARTED 2 - ADD ADJECTIVES TO A SIMPLE TEXT

##### 2) Rewrite it with at least 5 adjectives.

It was a **cold, grey** day in October. The weather had changed over night and a **backing** wind had brought a **gentle** rain with it. Miss Sue drove down the **bumpy** road in her **tiny white** car, the **early** morning sun streaming through the **open** window, the **damp** air against her **dark** skin, the **old** trees, and the **browning** grass.

**3) How does the text change when you add adjectives?**

Adjectives tell us about the qualities and features of people (*dark skin*) or things (*old trees*). They can be seen as intensifiers or “ornaments” to the basic sentence elements (*browning grass/ gentle wind*).

**3 IMPROVE THE TEXT****5) Translate the adjectives and adverbs - in their context - into German.**

English	German
big	groß
brown	braun
clipped	kurz geschoren
considerably	beträchtlich
dear	lieb, teuer
deep	satt (bei Farbton)
detained	zurückgehalten
distant	aus der Ferne
freshly shaven	frisch rasiert
great	großartig
grotesque	absonderlich, bizarr
joyous	freudig
natural	Natur-
naturally	von Natur aus
(her) inky little (eyes)	(ihre) tiefschwarzen, kleinen Augen
pitch-black	pechschwarz
prominent	markant
sickly	blass, krank
slovenly	schlampig
smartly dressed	schick angezogen
(the) smooth black (wig)	(die) glatte, schwarze (Perücke)
swell	prima, famos, großartig

un-American	unamerikanisch
uncouth	ungehobelt
unfolded	offen, geöffnet
voluminous	gewaltig, voluminös, riesig

*(Daniela Pröls)*