

31 Adjectives that do not come before a noun

Activity A

Feelings and states

Most adjectives can be used to qualify nouns, and we can put them directly before the noun e.g. **a dangerous dog**, **an interesting novel**. There are a number of adjectives **which** do not come before nouns. These generally relate to feelings or states. For example, we would not say 'He was an **alone** boy' but rather 'The boy was **alone**'. The box below contains further examples of these adjectives. Choose a suitable adjective to complete each sentence. Then check your answers in the dictionary.



Complete the sentences using one of the adjectives in the box:

afloat addicted afraid alike alive ashamed asleep awake

- 1 I would love to get a pet dog but my sister is rather _____ of them.
- 2 When the nurse went to check on the patient at midnight, she found he was wide _____.
- 3 The head teacher said the students should be _____ of their appalling behaviour.
- 4 When we heard about the avalanche, we were worried that the skiers would have been killed, but the rescuers found them all _____.
- 5 She was so tired that she fell _____ as soon as she got into bed!
- 6 John and Adam aren't twins but they do look very _____.
- 7 With the waves battering the boat, it looked as if we wouldn't be able to stay _____ much longer.
- 8 I think Max is getting _____ to that computer game. He plays it all the time.

Activity B

Look at these sentences, where a different adjective is used before a noun. Look up the meanings and match them to the words in the box in Activity A:

- 1 He carried the sleeping child out of the car.
- 2 She spends all her waking hours working.
- 3 The frightened refugees huddled in the bottom of the boat.
- 4 Does he have any living relatives?