

Adjectives Used Attributively And Predicatively

Some adjectives can be used both attributively (before the adjective) and predicatively (after the verb). Some can only be used attributively and there are also some adjectives that can only be used predicatively.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate adjective.

1. My sister is a detective.

elder

older

Either could be used here

2. He is than me.

elder

older

Either could be used here

3. Do not touch a/an wire.

Adjectives Used Attributively And Predicatively

live

living

alive

4. His grandparents are still

live

alive

Either could be used here

5. It is a pretty house.

little

small

Either could be used here

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6. The house is very

little

small

Either could be used here

7. The baby is

asleep

sleeping

Either could be used here

8. Let dogs lie.

sleeping

asleep

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9. The ant climbed on to a leaf.

floating

afloat

Either could be used here

10. The ship is

afloat

floating

Either could be used here

11. The child dreads strangers.

afraid

fearful

Either could be used here

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12. The man was taken to hospital.

sick

ill

Either could be used here

Answers

My older / elder sister is a detective.

He is older than me.

Do not touch a live wire.

His grandparents are still alive.

It is a pretty little / small house.

The house is very small.

The baby is asleep / sleeping.

Let sleeping dogs lie.

The ant climbed on to a floating leaf.

The ship is afloat.

The fearful child dreads strangers.

The sick man was taken to hospital.