



Usage

An adjective pattern contains an adjective. We can use adjective patterns to talk about our feelings or opinions about someone or something.

- e.g. It is exciting to ride on the roller coaster.
- e.g. It is difficult for me to get high marks in the English test.
- e.g. The task is easy to do.
- e.g. The baby is not old enough to eat rice.



Common Adjective Patterns

Four common adjective patterns are as follows:

Pattern 1

It	+ Verb to be	+ Adjective	+ to-infinitive	
It	is	exciting	to chase	a mouse.
It	was not	possible	to pass	the test.



Pattern 2

It	+ Verb <i>to be</i>	+ Adjective	+ for	+ Noun / Object pronoun	+ <i>to</i> -infinitive	
It	is	surprising	for	Elaine	to receive	a ring.
It	will not be	necessary	for	him	to buy	a flat.



Pattern 3

Subject	+ Verb <i>to be</i>	+ Adjective	+ <i>to</i> -infinitive
Tiramisu	is	hard	to make.
The instructions	have not been	easy	to follow.



Pattern 4

Subject	+ Verb <i>to be</i>	+ Adjective	+ enough	+ <i>to</i> -infinitive	
Daniel	is	smart	enough	to win	the contest.
Andrew	is not	strong	enough	to lift	the bag.



Educator's Tips



The word *it* in patterns 1 and 2 mentioned above is not used as a personal pronoun. *It* is used as the subject only and does not carry any meaning.

✗ *personal pronoun*

✓ *not carry any meaning*

e.g. ***It*** is important to obey school rules.

Exercise 1

Match the phrases in Column B with those in Column A to form complete sentences. Write the correct letters in the spaces provided. Each letter can be used ONCE only.

Column A

- It is painful for children _____
- It is not common _____
- Emma has been skilful enough _____
- The instant macaroni was fast _____

Column B

- to find squirrels in urban areas.
- to cook.
- to separate from their mothers.
- to do ice dancing in the rink.

Exercise 2

Put the words in the correct order to form sentences.

1. fit / to swim / enough / has been / Mr Ho / across the harbour

Mr Ho has been fit enough to swim across the harbour.

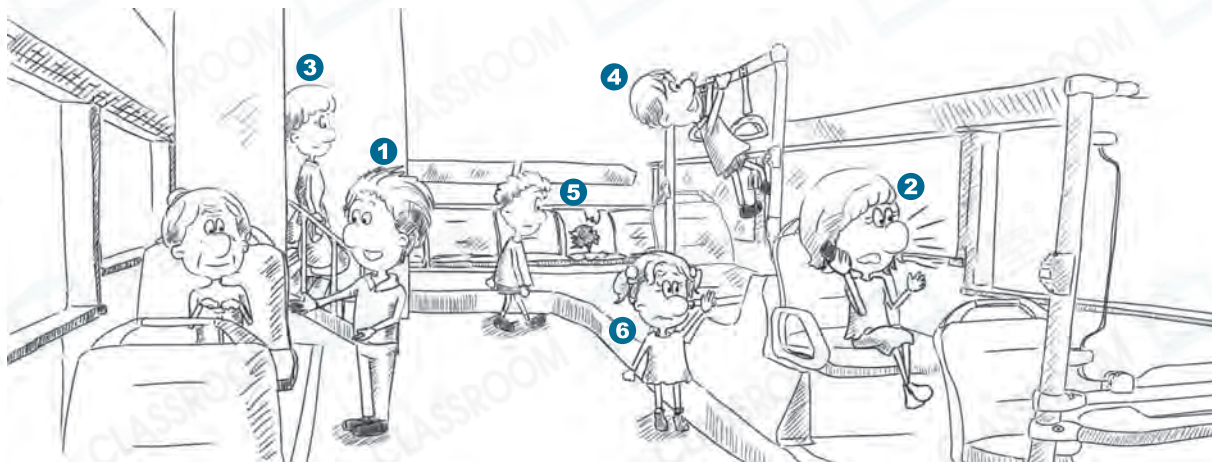
2. comfortable / to wear / were not / these costumes
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3. will be / to spend / a day in this museum / it / amusing
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4. girls / is / to walk / unsafe / for / alone at midnight / it
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Exercise 3

Look at the following picture and write about your feelings or opinions regarding the characters 1 – 6 using the words and adjective patterns given.



1. kind / offer / seat / the elderly (It + verb *to be* + adj. + *to*-infinitive)

It is kind to offer the seat to the elderly.

2. rude / talk / loudly (It + verb *to be* + adj. + *to*-infinitive)
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3. important / hold / handrail (It + verb *to be* + adj. + for + noun + *to*-infinitive)
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4. dangerous / climb up / pole (It + verb *to be* + adj. + for + noun + *to*-infinitive)



5. not safe / sit on (Subject + verb *to be* + adj. + *to*-infinitive)

6. not tall / press / bell (Subject + verb *to be* + adj. + enough + *to*-infinitive)

Unit Recap

Aaron wrote a leaflet about a charity, but he made some mistakes about the adjective patterns. Correct the underlined mistakes by writing the correct words above them.

Hopeful Charity Group

Established in 20XX, we are devoted to helping people in need in Hong Kong. As a charity, it is important for (1) we to gain support from different parties.

WHAT WE DO

In face of the widening rich-poor gap and aging problem, it is necessary (2) set up an emergency fund to help those who are in urgent financial need. Apart from this, (3) we are vital to give community support to the needy. We have a great team of social workers, lawyers and counsellors. They are (4) profession enough to provide comprehensive counselling, advice and care. Our service is (5) easily to access.

WE WANT YOU

Without enough manpower, our projects (6) is not possible to accomplish. It (7) was important to have you as our volunteers. It is easy (8) offers help. It is possible (9) to anyone to spend a day or two to help out!

Your little help is powerful enough (10) brightening the days of the needy!

Join us at www.hopefulcharity.com!



Vocabulary:

devote (v.): to give all time, effort, or love to something one believes in

widen (v.): to become wider and wider