

Generating Adjectives from Sidewalk Art

Materials/Resources:

The amazing sidewalk art by Julian Beever always generates discussion and affords an opportunity for students to utilize a wide variety of descriptive words. Mr. Beever is an English chalk artist who draws large scale depictions on sidewalks all over the world. His drawings are three dimensional, vary in theme, and are an excellent source to use when discussing parts of speech, particularly adjectives.

Website links for Julian Beever's work are as follows:

[Julian Beever Official Website](#)

[44 Amazing Julian Beever's 3D Pavement Drawings](#)

Skills Targeted:

*Adjectives

*Parts of speech

Instruction:

1. **When introducing adjectives within this lesson, model for the students, descriptive words that capture the effect that the Julian Beever drawings project.**
2. **While viewing each photograph of his artwork, encourage students to generate adjectives. Teach students to avoid common descriptors such as "nice", "funny", "pretty", etc.**
3. **List the adjectives that the students generate to inject competition between each other or teams. Challenge the students to come up with differing words for each picture in order to avoid overuse or redundancy.**