



The noun *boat*, he could see,
can name many things,
and **adjectives modify** it.

There are **small** boats, some **large**,
like a slow-moving barge,
some **wooden** or **steel**,
some **old** with **deck** paint that has peeled.
There are **toy** boats and **fishing** ones,
cabin boats, too,
and **bad** boats with pasts unrevealed.
Boats are **blue**, or are **red**,
or are **purple** or **white** or some hue
that is used when they're sealed.

Adjectives by dozens
are used by our cousins
to say we are **smart** or too **tall**,
and adjectives help us
explain what we mean
when we say *boat*:
a **blue toy** boat—that's all.



Poodle thought for a time
with a kind of a rhyme
about adjectives modifying nouns.
He thought:

old boat
sad boat
cold boat
bad boat
new boat
the boat
blue boat
wavy boat
gravy boat
a boat
red boat
wet boat
green boat
clean boat

