

Pitchforking absolutes

Absolute = noun + ing verb,
used as description

Examples:



Hair flying, laughter streaming, hearts pounding,
the girls raced down the hill.
She opened the door, her
thoughts racing and hands trembling.

PRACTICE THE CONVERSATION:

- A:** Will you explain to me . . . what is an absolute?
- B:** It's a noun plus an -ing verb.
- A:** Ok! Let's hear the example sentence.
- B:** *Hair flying, laughter streaming, hearts pounding, the girls raced down the hill.*
- A:** What part is the actual sentence?
- B:** *The girls raced down the hill.*
- A:** That's right. And why is it pitchforked? How many absolutes are there?
- B:** Three.
- A:** Good.

