Word Detectives

Sort words that describe things or actions.

2.LF.7.e "Use adjectives and adverbs."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE

An adjective tells about a noun, such as a person, place, or thing.

The **tiny** kitten slept.

ADVERB

An adverb tells how an action happens.

The turtle crawled **quietly**.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ADJECTIVE or ADVERB for each bold word, then pick two items and explain how you knew.

1. The **green** leaf fell. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
2. The ball rolled **slowly**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
3. The bird sang **sweetly**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
4. A **round** pebble lay on the path. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
5. The **cold** wind blew. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
6. The **loud** bell rang. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
7. The girl waved **cheerfully**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
8. The **soft** blanket warmed me. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write two new sentences, one with an adjective and one with an adverb, and underline the adjective or adverb in each.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both an adjective and an adverb, and underline both words.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **green** leaf fell.	**ADJECTIVE**	Green tells about the leaf.
2	The ball rolled **slowly**.	**ADVERB**	Slowly tells how the ball rolled.
3	The bird sang **sweetly**.	**ADVERB**	Sweetly tells how the bird sang.
4	A **round** pebble lay on the path.	**ADJECTIVE**	Round tells about the pebble.
5	The **cold** wind blew.	**ADJECTIVE**	Cold tells about the wind.
6	The **loud** bell rang.	**ADJECTIVE**	Loud tells about the bell.
7	The girl waved **cheerfully**.	**ADVERB**	Cheerfully tells how the girl waved.
8	The **soft** blanket warmed me.	**ADJECTIVE**	Soft tells about the blanket.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **ADJECTIVE**: The bright moon shone.
- **ADVERB**: The rabbit hopped quickly.

Challenge: The sleepy puppy stretched lazily.

For Part 2, a student might explain that green tells about the leaf and slowly tells how the ball rolled. Accept explanations that connect the bold word to a noun or an action.