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Sort phrases and clauses by what they do in a sentence.

7.LL.17.c "Evaluate the functions of phrases and clauses in general and their function in specific sentences."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE FUNCTION

An adjective phrase or clause describes a noun. It tells which one or what kind.

The lantern with a cracked handle flickered.

ADVERB FUNCTION

An adverb phrase or clause tells when, where, why, or how an action happens. A clause has a subject and a verb; a phrase does not.

We whispered because the baby was asleep.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ADJECTIVE or ADVERB for each underlined group of words, then choose two items and explain what each group tells you about its sentence.

1.	The backpack beside the fountain belongs to Imani.	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
2.	After the final bell rang, the students entered the gym.	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
3.	The crowd cheered with wild excitement.	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
4.	The chef who won the contest opened a cafe.	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
5.	A bridge made of steel spans the river.	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
6.	The puzzle that Amir solved took an hour.	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
7.	Nina packed a coat because the forecast called for snow.	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
8.	The painting above the fireplace shows a fox.	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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write two new sentences: one with an underlined adjective phrase or clause and one with an underlined adverb phrase or clause. Label each sentence ADJECTIVE or ADVERB.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both an adjective clause and an adverb clause. Underline each clause and label its function.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The backpack beside the fountain belongs to Imani.	**ADJECTIVE**	The phrase identifies which backpack.
2	After the final bell rang, the students entered the gym.	**ADVERB**	The clause tells when the students entered.
3	The crowd cheered with wild excitement.	**ADVERB**	The phrase tells how the crowd cheered.
4	The chef who won the contest opened a cafe.	**ADJECTIVE**	The clause identifies which chef.
5	A bridge made of steel spans the river.	**ADJECTIVE**	The phrase describes what kind of bridge.
6	The puzzle that Amir solved took an hour.	**ADJECTIVE**	The clause identifies which puzzle.
7	Nina packed a coat because the forecast called for snow.	**ADVERB**	The clause tells why Nina packed a coat.
8	The painting above the fireplace shows a fox.	**ADJECTIVE**	The phrase identifies which painting.

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 notebook with blue pages is mine.
- **ADVERB**: The team practiced before dinner.

Challenge: The runner who carried the flag waved when the parade began. ADJECTIVE: who carried the flag. ADVERB: when the parade began.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name the noun described or the action explained and state what information the underlined words add. In the challenge, each underlined clause must have its own subject and verb.