

# Word Detective Sort

Sort words that describe nouns or actions.

**2.L.GC.1.8** "Grammar: Use adjectives and adverbs. (Master)"

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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## DESCRIBES A NOUN

An adjective tells more about a noun. It can tell color, size, or kind.

gentle, as in "The gentle lamb rested."

## DESCRIBES AN ACTION

An adverb tells more about an action. It can tell how, when, or where an action happens.

soon, as in "We will leave soon."

## 1 SORT \_\_\_\_\_ 8 items

Circle ADJECTIVE or ADVERB for each word, then choose two words and explain whether each one describes a noun or an action.

1. striped

ADJECTIVE

ADVERB

2. shiny

ADJECTIVE

ADVERB

3. slowly

ADJECTIVE

ADVERB

4. enormous

ADJECTIVE

ADVERB

5. happily

ADJECTIVE

ADVERB

6. carefully

ADJECTIVE

ADVERB

7. bumpy

ADJECTIVE

ADVERB

8. always

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 one new adjective that describes a noun. Write one new adverb that describes an action.

ADJECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ADVERB \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses an adjective and an adverb.

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**PART 1 • SORT**

| # | ITEM      | CATEGORY         | WHY                                                             |
|---|-----------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | striped   | <b>ADJECTIVE</b> | Striped can describe the kind of noun, such as a striped shirt. |
| 2 | shiny     | <b>ADJECTIVE</b> | Shiny can describe how a noun looks.                            |
| 3 | slowly    | <b>ADVERB</b>    | Slowly tells how an action happens.                             |
| 4 | enormous  | <b>ADJECTIVE</b> | Enormous can describe the size of a noun.                       |
| 5 | happily   | <b>ADVERB</b>    | Happily tells how an action happens.                            |
| 6 | carefully | <b>ADVERB</b>    | Carefully tells how an action happens.                          |
| 7 | bumpy     | <b>ADJECTIVE</b> | Bumpy can describe what a noun is like.                         |
| 8 | always    | <b>ADVERB</b>    | Always tells when or how often an action happens.               |

**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:** smooth
- **ADVERB:** tomorrow

**Challenge:** The playful kitten chased a string excitedly.

Items 1, 2, 4, and 7 are adjectives. Items 3, 5, 6, and 8 are adverbs. For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly tell whether the chosen word describes a noun or an action.