Word Detective Sort

Sort words that describe nouns or actions.

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

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE

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

gentle, as in "The gentle lamb rested."

ADVERB

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** _____

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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.

ANSWER KEY # Word Detective Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

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

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly tell whether the chosen word describes a noun or an action.