

Thing or Action?

Sort detail words by what they describe.

2.L.GC.2.d "Develop ideas or information in texts by using adjectives or adverbs to add details or clarify meaning. (C)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

TELLS ABOUT A THING

An adjective is a detail word that tells more about a thing. It can tell what kind, which one, or how many.

the silver moon

TELLS ABOUT AN ACTION

An adverb is a detail word that tells more about an action. It can tell how an action happens.

smiles gently

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For Part 1, circle THING if the detail word tells about a thing or ACTION if it tells about an action, then for Part 2, pick two items and explain how you knew.

1. the round cookie

THING

ACTION

2. the noisy truck

THING

ACTION

3. claps happily

THING

ACTION

4. the wet towel

THING

ACTION

5. walks slowly

THING

ACTION

6. sleeps peacefully

THING

ACTION

7. the brave firefighter

THING

ACTION

8. speaks softly

THING

ACTION

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 phrase with a detail word for a thing and one new phrase with a detail word for an action.

THING _____

ACTION _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with a detail word for a thing and a detail word for an action.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	the round cookie	THING	Round tells about the cookie.
2	the noisy truck	THING	Noisy tells about the truck.
3	claps happily	ACTION	Happily tells how someone claps.
4	the wet towel	THING	Wet tells about the towel.
5	walks slowly	ACTION	Slowly tells how someone walks.
6	sleeps peacefully	ACTION	Peacefully tells how someone sleeps.
7	the brave firefighter	THING	Brave tells about the firefighter.
8	speaks softly	ACTION	Softly tells how someone speaks.

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)

- **THING:** the striped mitten
- **ACTION:** reads carefully

Challenge: The playful puppy barked loudly.

For Part 2, students should name the detail word and explain whether it tells about a thing or an action. Accept equivalent phrases and sentences in Part 3.