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 _____

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

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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

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