

Detail Detective Sort

Find out what each detail tells you.

3.L.GC.2.d "Elaborate on ideas and information, using adjectives and adverbs when incorporating details and descriptions to convey precise meaning. (C)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

ADJECTIVE DETAIL

An adjective detail tells more about a noun. It can tell what a person, place, animal, or thing is like.

An enormous whale surfaced.

ADVERB DETAIL

An adverb detail tells more about an action. It can tell how an action happens.

A dancer twirled gracefully.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle the tag for each item, then for PROVE IT choose two items and explain how you knew each detail was an adjective or an adverb.

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| 1. striped socks | ☐ ADJECTIVE | ☐ ADVERB |
| 2. laughed happily | ☐ ADJECTIVE | ☐ ADVERB |
| 3. spoke quietly | ☐ ADJECTIVE | ☐ ADVERB |
| 4. bright lantern | ☐ ADJECTIVE | ☐ ADVERB |
| 5. icy sidewalk | ☐ ADJECTIVE | ☐ ADVERB |
| 6. round cookie | ☐ ADJECTIVE | ☐ ADVERB |
| 7. clapped wildly | ☐ ADJECTIVE | ☐ ADVERB |
| 8. gentle breeze | ☐ 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 detail and one new adverb detail.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses an adjective to describe a noun and an adverb to describe an action.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	striped socks	ADJECTIVE	Striped describes the noun socks.
2	laughed happily	ADVERB	Happily tells how the action laughed happened.
3	spoke quietly	ADVERB	Quietly tells how the action spoke happened.
4	bright lantern	ADJECTIVE	Bright describes the noun lantern.
5	icy sidewalk	ADJECTIVE	Icy describes the noun sidewalk.
6	round cookie	ADJECTIVE	Round describes the noun cookie.
7	clapped wildly	ADVERB	Wildly tells how the action clapped happened.
8	gentle breeze	ADJECTIVE	Gentle describes the noun breeze.

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:** silky ribbon
- **ADVERB:** The turtle crawled slowly.

Challenge: The tiny rabbit hopped carefully over a log.

Accept PROVE IT explanations that name the noun an adjective describes or the action an adverb describes. In the challenge sample, tiny describes rabbit, and carefully tells how hopped happened.