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.

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.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 3 · 3.L.GC.2.d

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