Suffix Job Switch

See how word endings change a word's job.

4.L.V.2.b "Explain how the part of speech and the meaning of a root or root word changes based on the use of different affixes (e.g., beautiful as an adjective vs. beautifully as an adverb). (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE JOB

An adjective tells what kind of person, place, thing, or idea. The suffix -ful can make a root word into an adjective, often meaning full of the root idea.

The playful puppy chased a ball.

ADVERB JOB

An adverb tells how an action happens. Adding -ly can make an adjective into an adverb, meaning in that way.

The puppy chased the ball playfully.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, read each sentence and circle ADJECTIVE or ADVERB for the word ending in -ful or -ly; for Part 2, pick two items and explain what each word describes or tells how.

1. The harmful smoke filled the room. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

2. The skillful painter mixed the colors. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

3. The pianist played skillfully. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

4. The thankful class wrote notes. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

5. The mayor spoke thoughtfully. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

6. The reporter answered truthfully. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

7. The peaceful lake reflected the trees. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

8. The coach spoke patiently. 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 sentence with an ADJECTIVE word ending in -ful and one new sentence with an ADVERB word ending in -ly. Do not use a word from Part 1.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Use the root cheer to write two sentences: one with cheerful as an adjective and one with cheerfully as an adverb. Then tell what each word describes or tells how.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The harmful smoke filled the room.	**ADJECTIVE**	Harmful describes the smoke, so it is an adjective.
2	The skillful painter mixed the colors.	**ADJECTIVE**	Skillful describes the painter, so it is an adjective.
3	The pianist played skillfully.	**ADVERB**	Skillfully tells how the pianist played, so it is an adverb.
4	The thankful class wrote notes.	**ADJECTIVE**	Thankful describes the class, so it is an adjective.
5	The mayor spoke thoughtfully.	**ADVERB**	Thoughtfully tells how the mayor spoke, so it is an adverb.
6	The reporter answered truthfully.	**ADVERB**	Truthfully tells how the reporter answered, so it is an adverb.
7	The peaceful lake reflected the trees.	**ADJECTIVE**	Peaceful describes the lake, so it is an adjective.
8	The coach spoke patiently.	**ADVERB**	Patiently tells how the coach spoke, so it is an adverb.

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**: The graceful dancer bowed.
- **ADVERB**: The dancer bowed gracefully.

Challenge: The cheerful crowd clapped. The crowd clapped cheerfully. Cheerful describes the crowd, and cheerfully tells how the crowd clapped.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify the word's job in its sentence. Students should state that an adjective describes a noun and an adverb tells how an action happens.