Word Detective Sort

Find what each describing word tells about.

L.2.1 "In writing or speaking, demonstrate appropriate use of: collective nouns. frequently occurring irregular nouns. reflexive pronouns. past tense of frequently occurring irregular verbs. adjectives and adverbs in sentence formation..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE

An adjective tells about a noun, such as a person, place, or thing.

The **soft** blanket covered Mia.

ADVERB

An adverb can tell how someone or something does an action.

A bird sang **sweetly**.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ADJECTIVE or ADVERB for each bold word, then choose two numbered items and explain how you knew where they belong.

1. The **tall** tree shaded the path. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

2. The puppy slept **quietly**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

3. Sam waved **happily**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

4. A **red** kite flew above us. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

5. The **cold** rain hit the roof. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

6. I found a **shiny** coin. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

7. Dad walked **slowly**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB

8. We saw a **round** pebble. 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 two new sentences: one with an adjective that tells about a noun and one with an adverb that tells how an action happens. Underline the describing word in each sentence.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both an adjective and an adverb, then tell which noun and verb they describe.

ANSWER KEY # Word Detective Sort

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **tall** tree shaded the path.	**ADJECTIVE**	Tall describes the noun tree.
2	The puppy slept **quietly**.	**ADVERB**	Quietly tells how the puppy slept.
3	Sam waved **happily**.	**ADVERB**	Happily tells how Sam waved.
4	A **red** kite flew above us.	**ADJECTIVE**	Red describes the noun kite.
5	The **cold** rain hit the roof.	**ADJECTIVE**	Cold describes the noun rain.
6	I found a **shiny** coin.	**ADJECTIVE**	Shiny describes the noun coin.
7	Dad walked **slowly**.	**ADVERB**	Slowly tells how Dad walked.
8	We saw a **round** pebble.	**ADJECTIVE**	Round describes the noun pebble.

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 bright sun lit my room.
- **ADVERB**: The turtle crawled carefully.

Challenge: The brave mouse ran quickly. Brave describes mouse; quickly describes ran.

For Part 2, accept explanations that name what the bold word describes. For example, tall describes tree, and quietly tells how the puppy slept.