Word Detective

Sort words by what they describe.

3.5.W.2 "Students will use nouns, verbs, adjectives, prepositions, and adverbs to add clarity and variety to their writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE

An adjective describes a noun, a person, place, or thing. It can tell what kind.

A **striped** kite soared.

ADVERB

An adverb can describe a verb, an action word. It can tell how the action happens.

Mia whispered **softly**.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle Adjective or Adverb for each bold word; for Part 2, choose two numbered items and explain what each bold word describes.

1.	The **muddy** boots sat by the door.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
2.	The rabbit hopped **quickly**.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
3.	Dad stirred the soup **slowly**.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
4.	A **bright** lamp lit the room.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
5.	The **sleepy** puppy yawned.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
6.	The crowd cheered **loudly**.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
7.	Our **wooden** bench creaked.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
8.	A **round** balloon floated away.	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

For Part 3, write one sentence with an adjective and one sentence with an adverb. Underline the adjective or adverb in each sentence.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both an adjective that describes a noun and an adverb that tells how a verb happens. Underline both words.

ANSWER KEY # Word Detective

GRADE 3 · 3.5.W.2

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **muddy** boots sat by the door.	**ADJECTIVE**	Muddy describes the noun boots.
2	The rabbit hopped **quickly**.	**ADVERB**	Quickly tells how the rabbit hopped.
3	Dad stirred the soup **slowly**.	**ADVERB**	Slowly tells how Dad stirred.
4	A **bright** lamp lit the room.	**ADJECTIVE**	Bright describes the noun lamp.
5	The **sleepy** puppy yawned.	**ADJECTIVE**	Sleepy describes the noun puppy.
6	The crowd cheered **loudly**.	**ADVERB**	Loudly tells how the crowd cheered.
7	Our **wooden** bench creaked.	**ADJECTIVE**	Wooden describes the noun bench.
8	A **round** balloon floated away.	**ADJECTIVE**	Round describes the noun balloon.

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**: A fluffy cat slept.
- **ADVERB**: The child waved gently.

Challenge: The brave diver swam carefully.

For Part 2, a valid explanation names what the bold word describes. For example, in item 1 muddy describes boots, and in item 2 quickly tells how the rabbit hopped.