Describe It Clearly

Sort words by what they describe.

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

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE

An adjective describes a noun or pronoun. Ask, "What is it like?"

A **fragrant** candle glowed.

ADVERB

In this activity, an adverb describes a verb. Adverbs can also describe adjectives or other adverbs.

Owls hooted **softly**.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle the category for each bold word, then choose two items for Part 2 and explain which word each bold word describes and how you knew its category.

1.	The **rusty** gate creaked.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
2.	Our **tiny** kitten napped.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
3.	Maya whispered **quietly**.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
4.	He carried a **heavy** backpack.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
5.	The rabbit hopped **quickly**.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
6.	I answered **politely**.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
7.	Rain fell **steadily**.	ADJECTIVE ADVERB
8.	She found a **smooth** 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 original sentences: one with an adjective describing a noun and one with an adverb describing a verb. Underline the describing word in each sentence.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both an adjective describing a noun and an adverb describing a verb. Underline both describing words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **rusty** gate creaked.	**ADJECTIVE**	Rusty describes the noun gate.
2	Our **tiny** kitten napped.	**ADJECTIVE**	Tiny describes the noun kitten.
3	Maya whispered **quietly**.	**ADVERB**	Quietly describes the verb whispered.
4	He carried a **heavy** backpack.	**ADJECTIVE**	Heavy describes the noun backpack.
5	The rabbit hopped **quickly**.	**ADVERB**	Quickly describes the verb hopped.
6	I answered **politely**.	**ADVERB**	Politely describes the verb answered.
7	Rain fell **steadily**.	**ADVERB**	Steadily describes the verb fell.
8	She found a **smooth** pebble.	**ADJECTIVE**	Smooth 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**: A purple kite soared.
- **ADVERB**: The puppy slept peacefully.

Challenge: The silver train rolled slowly.

For Part 2, a student might explain that rusty describes gate, a noun, while quietly describes whispered, a verb. Accept other explanations that correctly identify what each selected word describes.