Word Clue Hunt

Sort the describing words in a short mystery.

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

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE

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

A **flaky** pastry cooled.

ADVERB

An adverb can describe a verb. In this worksheet, each adverb tells how an action happens.

The baker stirred batter **steadily**.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ADJECTIVE or ADVERB for each bold word, then choose two items and explain which noun or verb each bold word describes.

1. The **cracked** compass lay in the grass. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
2. A **narrow** path crossed the field. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
3. Leah searched **carefully**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
4. She spotted a **faded** sign. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
5. A branch snapped **loudly**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
6. Leah turned **quickly**. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
7. A **small** cabin stood ahead. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
8. The **open** door swung in the wind. 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 and one new sentence with an adverb, then underline the word you chose in each sentence.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both an adjective and an adverb, then underline each and name the word it describes.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **cracked** compass lay in the grass.	**ADJECTIVE**	Cracked describes the noun compass.
2	A **narrow** path crossed the field.	**ADJECTIVE**	Narrow describes the noun path.
3	Leah searched **carefully**.	**ADVERB**	Carefully tells how Leah searched.
4	She spotted a **faded** sign.	**ADJECTIVE**	Faded describes the noun sign.
5	A branch snapped **loudly**.	**ADVERB**	Loudly tells how the branch snapped.
6	Leah turned **quickly**.	**ADVERB**	Quickly tells how Leah turned.
7	A **small** cabin stood ahead.	**ADJECTIVE**	Small describes the noun cabin.
8	The **open** door swung in the wind.	**ADJECTIVE**	Open describes the noun door.

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 striped umbrella toppled.
- **ADVERB**: The pianist bowed gracefully.

Challenge: The shaggy dog trotted briskly. (Shaggy describes dog; briskly describes trotted.)

For Part 2, accept any two items if the student identifies the bold word and correctly explains which noun or verb it describes. Part 3 answers will vary.