Word Workouts

Sort words by what they describe.

8.5.W.2 "Students will create clarity and/or add variety to their writing with nouns, verbs, verbals, adjectives, prepositions, adverbs, pronouns, and conjunctions."

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADJECTIVE

An adjective describes a noun. It can tell what kind, which one, or how many.

A **fragile** vase cracked.

ADVERB

An adverb can change a verb by telling how an action happens.

Owls hunted **silently**.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle ADJECTIVE or ADVERB for each bold word; then choose two items and explain which word each bold word describes or changes.

1. The **colorful** mural covered the wall. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
2. Jada answered **calmly** during the debate. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
3. The team practiced **daily** before the tournament. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
4. A **narrow** path led to the creek. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
5. Her **precise** instructions helped the crew. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
6. The **heavy** backpack slowed Mateo. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
7. The drummer played **loudly** at the parade. ADJECTIVE ADVERB
8. A **curious** student asked another question. 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 original sentence with an adjective and one with an adverb; underline the adjective or adverb in each sentence.

ADJECTIVE _____

ADVERB _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences using the word fast: use it as an adjective in one and an adverb in the other, and underline fast in both.

ANSWER KEY # Word Workouts

GRADE 8 · 8.5.W.2

PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **colorful** mural covered the wall.	**ADJECTIVE**	Colorful describes the noun mural.
2	Jada answered **calmly** during the debate.	**ADVERB**	Calmly changes the verb answered.
3	The team practiced **daily** before the tournament.	**ADVERB**	Daily changes the verb practiced.
4	A **narrow** path led to the creek.	**ADJECTIVE**	Narrow describes the noun path.
5	Her **precise** instructions helped the crew.	**ADJECTIVE**	Precise describes the noun instructions.
6	The **heavy** backpack slowed Mateo.	**ADJECTIVE**	Heavy describes the noun backpack.
7	The drummer played **loudly** at the parade.	**ADVERB**	Loudly changes the verb played.
8	A **curious** student asked another question.	**ADJECTIVE**	Curious describes the noun student.

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 <u>bright</u> screen lit the room.
- **ADVERB**: Nico spoke <u>clearly</u> to the group.

Challenge: The <u>fast</u> train crossed the bridge. The train moved <u>fast</u> through the tunnel.

For Part 2, an explanation could say, "In item 1, colorful describes the noun mural. In item 2, calmly changes the verb answered." Accept other choices when students identify the word being described or changed.