What Does It Change?

Sort adverbs by the words they modify.

6.LU.1.C "Use adverbs to modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs to express manner, place, time, frequency, degree, and level of certainty precisely when speaking and writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

MODIFIES A VERB

An adverb can modify a verb by telling how an action happens. Ask, "How does the action happen?"

The pianist performed skillfully.

MODIFIES AN ADJECTIVE

An adverb can modify an adjective by making a description stronger or weaker. Ask, "How strong is the description?"

The canyon appeared remarkably deep.

1 SORT

8 items

Read each sentence and circle ACTION or DESCRIPTION, then in Part 2 choose two items, one from each category, and explain which word the adverb modifies in each.

1.	The fox ran swiftly.	ACTION DESCRIPTION
2.	Her backpack was quite heavy.	ACTION DESCRIPTION
3.	The puzzle seemed very difficult.	ACTION DESCRIPTION
4.	The baby slept peacefully.	ACTION DESCRIPTION
5.	Our team cheered loudly.	ACTION DESCRIPTION
6.	The path was unusually narrow.	ACTION DESCRIPTION
7.	Raindrops fell gently.	ACTION DESCRIPTION
8.	The lantern glowed brightly.	ACTION DESCRIPTION

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 sentence with an adverb that modifies a verb and one sentence with an adverb that modifies an adjective.

ACTION _____

DESCRIPTION _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence in which one adverb modifies another adverb. Then name both adverbs and tell how they connect.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The fox ran swiftly.	**ACTION**	Swiftly modifies the verb ran.
2	Her backpack was quite heavy.	**DESCRIPTION**	Quite modifies the adjective heavy.
3	The puzzle seemed very difficult.	**DESCRIPTION**	Very modifies the adjective difficult.
4	The baby slept peacefully.	**ACTION**	Peacefully modifies the verb slept.
5	Our team cheered loudly.	**ACTION**	Loudly modifies the verb cheered.
6	The path was unusually narrow.	**DESCRIPTION**	Unusually modifies the adjective narrow.
7	Raindrops fell gently.	**ACTION**	Gently modifies the verb fell.
8	The lantern glowed brightly.	**ACTION**	Brightly modifies the verb glowed.

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)

- **ACTION**: The drummer practiced eagerly.
- **DESCRIPTION**: The lemonade was too sour.

Challenge: The cyclist pedaled very steadily. Very modifies steadily.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 2, students should identify the adverb and the verb or adjective it modifies. Accept varied Part 3 sentences when the adverb clearly modifies the requested type of word.