Modifier Match

Choose modifiers that make meaning clear.

8.LU.1.C "Use specific adjectives and adverbs to enhance speech and writing."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SPECIFIC

A specific adjective or adverb gives a clear detail. It helps a reader picture exactly what something is like or how an action happens.

Crimson fabric draped elegantly over balconies.

GENERAL

A general adjective or adverb gives a broad idea. It does not give many clear details.

That plan sounds fine.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SPECIFIC or GENERAL for each sentence, then pick two item numbers and explain which modifier makes each choice fit.

1. The mechanic carefully inspected the loose belt. SPECIFIC GENERAL

2. The jagged cliff rose sharply above the trail. SPECIFIC GENERAL

3. The show seemed good. SPECIFIC GENERAL

4. The muddy puppy eagerly chased a ball. SPECIFIC GENERAL

5. Our dinner felt nice. SPECIFIC GENERAL

6. The flower looked pretty. SPECIFIC GENERAL

7. The brittle leaf drifted erratically downward. SPECIFIC GENERAL

8. The game was fun. SPECIFIC GENERAL

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** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with a SPECIFIC modifier and one new sentence with a GENERAL modifier.

SPECIFIC _____

GENERAL _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite your GENERAL sentence so it includes one specific adjective and one specific adverb.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The mechanic carefully inspected the loose belt.	**SPECIFIC**	Carefully and loose give clear details about the action and belt.
2	The jagged cliff rose sharply above the trail.	**SPECIFIC**	Jagged and sharply create a clear picture.
3	The show seemed good.	**GENERAL**	Good is a broad evaluation without clear details.
4	The muddy puppy eagerly chased a ball.	**SPECIFIC**	Muddy and eagerly add clear details.
5	Our dinner felt nice.	**GENERAL**	Nice is a broad description.
6	The flower looked pretty.	**GENERAL**	Pretty is a general description that does not explain what makes the flower attractive.
7	The brittle leaf drifted erratically downward.	**SPECIFIC**	Brittle and erratically clearly describe the leaf and its movement.
8	The game was fun.	**GENERAL**	Fun is a broad evaluation without specific details.

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)

- **SPECIFIC**: The lantern glowed dimly through the fog.
- **GENERAL**: The song sounded nice.

Challenge: The storm was bad. Revised: The violent storm raged relentlessly.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. For Part 3, accept varied answers when the category choice is supported by the modifier used.