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CONVENTIONS ► ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

Authors use **adjectives** and **adverbs** to give more information about the nouns and verbs in their sentences. An adjective modifies, or adds meaning to, a noun or a pronoun. An adverb modifies, or adds meaning to, a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

Adjectives modify a noun or pronoun, as stated above. For example, in the sentence *She held the heavy tray*, the adjective *heavy* modifies the noun *tray*. It answers the question *What kind?* The following chart gives examples of the questions that adjectives answer.

What kind?	hot, short, difficult, clean, complex
Which one?	that, this, those
How many?	five, several, twelve
How much?	most, some, little, immense
Whose?	his, their, my, your

Adverbs provide more information about a verb, adjective, or adverb. For example, in the sentence *They studied diligently*, the adverb *diligently* modifies the verb *studied*, answering the question *In what manner?* The following chart provides examples of questions that adverbs answer. Remember that adverbs often end in the suffix *-ly*.

When?	now, before, yesterday
Where?	everywhere, here, ahead
In what manner?	loudly, correctly, confidently
To what extent?	too, completely, totally

Avoid using adjectives in place of adverbs, as shown in this example:

Incorrect: Think quick. **Correct:** Think quickly.

DIRECTIONS: Underline the adjectives and/or adverbs in each sentence and circle the words they modify.

1. The older man stopped us on the street.
2. The crew competed enthusiastically for first prize.
3. He flew to the airport in a supersonic jet.
4. Please return the call immediately.
5. She listened to the colorful flags flapping loudly.

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A. DIRECTIONS: Underline the adjectives in each sentence. Circle the word or words they modify.

1. The vast, flat desert stretched before him.
2. This fine novel was written by my friend.
3. The long, narrow column of soldiers marched through the pass.
4. Every qualified person can enter the contest.
5. Bob loaded the plate with four large sandwiches.

B. DIRECTIONS: For each sentence, underline the adverb and circle the word it modifies. Then, write the question the adverb answers: *Where? When? In what manner? To what extent?*

1. _____ Greg wrote the newspaper article yesterday.
2. _____ The crash happened suddenly.
3. _____ Lauren studied for a very difficult history test.
4. _____ That night she slept silently.
5. _____ Lights flashed outside.

C. DIRECTIONS: For each sentence, underline the adjective and circle the word it modifies. Then, write the question the adjective answers: *What kind? Which one? How many? How much? Whose?*

1. _____ Several athletes complained about the stadium.
2. _____ We packed the glassware in a reinforced container.
3. _____ The car was parked on a noisy street.
4. _____ She deposited a huge sum of money into the account.
5. _____ I made an attempt to contact that man.