Adjective or Adverb?
Playing Sports...

Reading Level 2

Directions: Choose the pair of words that best completes each sentence. Remember, adjectives modify nouns and pronouns and adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.

1. Paul crept ________ off first base while keeping a ________ eye on the other team's pitcher.
   a) slowly, steadily                        b) slow, steady
   c) slowly, steady                        d) slow, steadily

2. The other players wondered how Diego could be so ________ yet defend the goal so ________.
   a) calm, fierce                         b) calm, fiercely
   c) calmly, fierce                       d) calmly, fiercely

3. Deja swung ________ at the curveball as it flew ________ over the plate.
   a) wild, gentle                      b) wild, gently
   c) wildly, gentle                    d) wildly, gently

4. Ryan slid ________ and ________ into second base but was tagged out.
   a) bold, reckless                    b) bold, recklessly
   c) boldly, reckless                  d) boldly, recklessly

5. Raven dove ________ and made a ________ catch.
   a) deft, miraculous              b) deft, miraculously
   c) deftly, miraculous           d) deftly, miraculously

6. A ________ wind stirred the ________ grass of the abandoned soccer field.
   a) cool, lush                       b) cool, lushly
   c) coolly, lush                  d) coolly, lushly

7. Deja grunted ________ as she swung the ________ baseball bat.
   a) noisy, heavy                  b) noisy, heavily
   c) noisily, heavy               d) noisily, heavily
8. Jeff rested his _______ hands on his knees and panted _______.
   a) large, rapid    b) large, rapidly
   c) largely, rapid  d) largely, rapidly

9. Vince kicked the soccer ball _______ into air and while Diego crept _______ toward the goal.
   a) high, sneaky    b) high, sneakily
   c) high, sneaky    d) highly, sneakily

10. Zeke gave a _______ head fake and then made a _______ cut around the defender.
    a) quick, crazy    b) quick, crazily
    c) quickly, crazy  d) quickly, crazily

11. Paul is not only a _______ _______ goalie, he is also a fearsome forward.
    a) real, good     b) real, well
    c) really, well   d) really, good

12. Juan was too _______ to chase another foul ball through the _______ bushes.
    a) tired, dense   b) tired, densely
    c) tiredly, dense d) tiredly, densely

13. Raven slid _______ onto home base and kicked up a _______ dirt cloud around the catcher.
    a) brave, dusty   b) brave, dustily
    c) bravely, dusty d) bravely, dustily

14. The sun shined _______ in Ryan's eyes as he chased the fly ball _______.
    a) bright, careful b) bright, carefully
    c) brightly, careful d) brightly, carefully

15. Coach Kent warned his players _______ about being _______ to practice.
    a) stern, late     b) sternly, late
    c) stern, lately   d) sternly, lately

16. Deja sang the anthem _______ for the _______ fans at the start of the game.
    a) beautiful, happy b) beautiful, happily
    c) beautifully, happy d) beautifully, happily
17. Vince chased the foul ball ________ through the ________ outfield.
   a) eager, sunny  
   b) eager, sunnily  
   c) eagerly, sunny  
   d) eagerly, sunnily

18. Despite a lack of school spirit on the campus, Paul wore the ________ uniform ________.
   a) tight, proud  
   b) tightly, proud  
   c) tight, proudly  
   d) tightly, proudly

19. Deja lent her ________ shin guards to her ________ friend Raven, who had forgotten hers in her locker.
   a) old, good  
   b) old, goodly  
   c) oldly, good  
   d) oldly, goodly

20. The ________ soccer uniforms fit ________ on Raven.
   a) new, odd  
   b) new, oddly  
   c) newly, odd  
   d) newly, oddly

21. Juan asked ________ if he could pitch in the ________ game, but Coach Kent had already submitted his roster.
   a) nice, next  
   b) nicely, nextly  
   c) nice, nextly  
   d) nicely, next

22. Vince wanted to play in the game ________, but he got a ________ grade in science class, which made him ineligible.
   a) bad, bad  
   b) badly, bad  
   c) bad, badly  
   d) badly, badly

23. Diego was ________ ________ about the wellbeing of his team.
   a) serious, worried  
   b) serious, worriedly  
   c) seriously, worried  
   d) seriously, worriedly

24. Jeff smiled ________ as he drove the ball past the ________ defenders.
   a) crooked, confused  
   b) crookedly, confusedly  
   c) crookedly, confused  
   d) crooked, confusedly

25. Jeff dribbles ________ but he can't shoot ________.
   a) good, accurate  
   b) good, accurately  
   c) well, accurate  
   d) well, accurately
26. Paul stared ________ at the baseball as it floated ________ over the plate.
   a) keen, soft  
   b) keen, softly  
   c) keenly, soft  
   d) keenly, softly

27. We all know that Deja sings ________, but did you know that she can play soccer ________?
   a) well, to  
   b) good, too  
   c) good, to  
   d) well, too

28. Ryan was ________ from watching Raven kick the soccer ball ________ in a tiny circle.
   a) dizzy, swift  
   b) dizzy, swiftly  
   c) dizzily, swift  
   d) dizzily, swiftly

29. Zeke dribbled the ball ________ down then court and then cut ________ to the right.
   a) calmly, sharply  
   b) calm, sharply  
   c) calmly, sharp  
   d) calm, sharp

30. Raven was ________ tired on the bus ride home and decided to take a ________ nap.
   a) awful, short  
   b) awful, shortly  
   c) awfully, short  
   d) awfully, shortly