Adjective or Adverb?
Playing Sports...

Reading Level 3

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 simultaneously 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 were flabbergasted by 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 dipped and flew ________ around 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 by the baseman.
   a) bold, reckless   b) bold, recklessly
   c) boldly, reckless   d) boldly, recklessly

5. Raven dove ________ after the line drive 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 and sent the squirrels skittering.
   a) cool, lush   b) cool, lushly
   c) coolly, lush   d) coolly, lushly
7. Deja grunted ________ as she furiously swung the ________ baseball bat.
   a) noisy, heavy
   b) noisy, heavily
   c) noisily, heavy
   d) noisily, heavily

8. Jeff placed his ________ hands on his knees and panted ________ as he tried to catch his breath.
   a) large, rapid
   b) large, rapidly
   c) largely, rapid
   d) largely, rapidly

9. Vince kicked the soccer ball ________ into air and while the other players watched the ball, 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 while dribbling to the top of the key.
    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 and an attentive mid.
    a) real, good
    b) real, well
    c) really, well
    d) really, good

12. Juan was too ________ to chase another one of Paul's foul balls 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 unaware catcher.
    a) brave, dusty
    b) brave, dustily
    c) bravery, dusty
    d) bravely, dustily

14. The sun shined ________ in Ryan's eyes as he chased the fly ball around center field ________.
    a) bright, careful
    b) bright, carefully
    c) brightly, careful
    d) brightly, carefully
15. Coach Kent gathered his players in the locker room and warned them ______ about being ________ to practice.
   a) stern, late, b) sternly, late
   c) stern, lately, d) sternly, lately

16. Deja sang the National 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 while the other players waited.
   a) eager, sunny, b) eager, sunnily
   c) eagerly, sunny, d) eagerly, sunnily

18. Despite a general 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 the locker room.
    a) old, good, b) old, goodly
    c) oldly, good, d) oldly, goodly

20. The ______ soccer uniforms fit ______ on Raven's petite frame.
    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 was more interested in performance than manners.
    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 his science class, which made him ineligible to play.
    a) bad, bad, b) badly, bad
    c) bad, badly, d) badly, badly
23. Diego was ________ ________ about the wellbeing of his team after the incident on the bus.
   a) serious, worried
   b) serious, worriedly
   c) seriously, worried
   d) seriously, worriedly

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

25. Jeff dribbles the ball ________ but he can't shoot from the field ________.
   a) good, accurate
   b) good, accurately
   c) well, accurate
   d) well, accurately

26. Paul stared ________ at the baseball as it floated ________ from the pitcher's hand.
   a) keen, soft
   b) keen, softly
   c) keenly, soft
   d) keenly, softly

27. Everyone knows that Deja sings ________, but did you know that she knows how to dribble a soccer ball ________?
   a) well, to
   b) good, too
   c) good, to
   d) well, too

28. Ryan was ________ from watching the dexterous 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 basketball ________ 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 from the game, so she decided to take a ________ nap.
   a) awful, short
   b) awful, shortly
   c) awfully, short
   d) awfully, shortly