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## Adverbs and Adjectives at the Circus

**Directions:** read each sentence and determine whether the adverb or adjective should be used.

**Adjectives:** modify or describe nouns and pronouns. **Ex:** The green house is pretty.

**Adverbs:** modify or describe verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. **Ex:** I ran quickly by the very old dog.

1. The students were very **quiet / quietly** when they entered the circus tent.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

2. The ring at the center of the tent was **colorful / colorfully** decorated.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

3. We were all very **eager / eagerly** to see what the circus had in store for us.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

4. A woman in an all silk gown with dragon patterns on it was singing **beautiful / beautifully**.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

5. As the show began, the mood in the auditorium was **joyous / joyously**.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

6. My friend started laughing quite **loud / loudly** when the clowns came out in their little car.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

7. I could barely hear the ringmaster over the crowd because they were so **noisy / noisily**.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

8. The man with the popcorn **sloppy / sloppily** applied butter and seasoning to his treat.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

9. The trapeze artists performed **fantastic / fantastically** even though there was a safety net.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

10. I became very **irate / irately** when the man with the Abraham Lincoln hat sat in front of me.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

11. I **jealous** / **jealously** watched as a young girl was chosen to come on stage with the magician.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

12. It was **hysterical** / **hysterically** when the clowns came back during the ringmaster's speech.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Perhaps the most astonishing was how all of my money **magical** / **magically** disappeared.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

14. My teacher **truculent** / **truculently** inquired about the treatment of the circus animals.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

15. The show went by **amazing** / **amazingly** quickly and then it was time to leave.

What word is modified? \_\_\_\_\_ What part of speech is that? \_\_\_\_\_

**Try it yourself.**

**Directions:** write six sentences. In each sentence you should use both an adverb and an adjective. Underline your adverbs and circle your adjectives.

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