Adverbs Test
With Spies...

Reading Level 3

Part One | Identifying Adverbs

Directions: Find the answer choice that is being used as an adverb in each of these sentences. Circle your answer.

1. Gizmo works very hard to make new weapons and gadgets for the spies at Omega Central.
   a) works  
   b) hard  
   c) new  
   d) very

2. The notorious supervillain Dr. Hurt is always trying to take over the world.
   a) trying  
   b) notorious  
   c) supervillain  
   d) always

3. Ms. Fortune is too clever and resourceful to stay locked up behind bars for long.
   a) too  
   b) clever  
   c) keep  
   d) resourceful

4. Flint Steel is simply the most effective and dynamic secret agent in the field.
   a) secret  
   b) field  
   c) best  
   d) simply

5. Agent Green almost blew off his hand with an explosive bubble gum wrapper.
   a) wrapper  
   b) almost  
   c) explosive  
   d) blew

6. Red Widow usually keeps a set of stainless steel lock picks concealed in the lining of her purse.
   a) stainless  
   b) lock  
   c) usually  
   d) concealed

7. Gizmo cleverly designed a high-tech pair of sunglasses that one could use to see through walls.
   a) designed  
   b) high-tech  
   c) glasses  
   d) cleverly
8. A warning message for the spies at Omega Central came over the radio secretly.
   a) secretly   b) warning
   c) spies       d) came

9. The nefarious General Pain will never stop trying to conquer the world.
   a) never      b) stop
   c) the        d) nefarious

10. Flint Steel jumped off his motorcycle and landed softly in the back of a passing garbage truck.
    a) jumped     b) garbage
    c) his        d) softly

Part Two | Adjective or Adverb?
 Directions: Choose the pair that best completes the sentence. Circle your answer. Remember, adjectives modify nouns and pronouns. Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.

11. Dr. Hurt jumped _______ from the plane and landed _______ on the passing motorcycle.
    a) reckless, wild      b) recklessly, wild
    c) reckless, wildly    d) recklessly, wildly

12. Ms. Fortune _______ pulled a _______ steel syringe filled with truth serum out of her purse and injected it into the target.
    a) careful, cold       b) carefully, cold
    c) careful, coldly     d) carefully, coldly

13. Dr. Hurt _______ hit the _______ switch to turn on his doomsday device.
    a) grim, final         b) grimly, final
    c) grim, finally       d) grimly, finally

14. Agent Green hit the _______ switch on his car and it transformed into a _______ helicopter-car.
    a) secret, stealthy    b) secretly, stealthy
    c) secret, stealthily  d) secretly, stealthily

15. Red Widow is an expert assassin and _______ at fighting enemies but she doesn't speak very _______ to me.
    a) good, polite        b) well, polite
    c) good, politely      d) well, politely
   a) old, noisy
   b) oldly, noisy
   c) old, noisily
   d) oldly, noisily

17. Red Window ________ observed that General Pain's car was leaking oil ________ in the parking lot of the Hall of Justice.
   a) keen, rapid
   b) keenly, rapid
   c) keen, rapidly
   d) keenly, rapidly

18. Gizmo designs weapons and equipment for spies very ________, but he is not so ________ at fighting.
   a) good, good
   b) well, good
   c) good, well
   d) well, well

19. Dr. Hurt's amazing metallic robot horse was ________ and obeyed ________.
   a) strong, loyal
   b) strongly, loyal
   c) strong, loyally
   d) strongly, loyally

20. Gizmo was working ________ on a bulletproof hat that keeps one's ears ________ and has an FM radio.
   a) patient, warm
   b) patiently, warm
   c) patient, warmly
   d) patiently, warmly

21. Ms. Fortune made a ________ threat to city officials that she would use a ________ ice ray to freeze the police station.
   a) forceful, powerful
   b) forcefully, powerful
   c) forceful, powerfully
   d) forcefully, powerfully

22. Red Widow is ________ ________ at Flint Steel for attempting to apprehend Dr. Hurt without her.
   a) real, angry
   b) really, angry
   c) real, angrily
   d) really, angrily

23. We thought that Flint Steel sounded ________ when he sang the National Anthem in disguise, but at least he fights ________.
   a) bad, good
   b) badly, good
   c) bad, well
   d) badly, well

24. Agent Green flipped ________ and ________ over the burning bridge while on the back of a speeding motorcycle.
   a) bold, brave
   b) boldly, brave
   c) bold, bravely
   d) boldly, bravely
25. Gizmo made a ________ coat that protects its wearer from ________ rain.
   a) special, torrential  
   b) specially, torrential
   c) special, torrentially  
   d) specially, torrentially

26. Ms. Fortune used her coat-glider to fly ________ out the museum window on the 50th floor with the ________ piece of art.
   a) fearless, rare  
   b) fearlessly, rare
   c) fearless, rarely  
   d) fearlessly, rarely

27. Gizmo built an ________ device that can add or subtract numbers very ________.
   a) incredible, fast  
   b) incredibly, fast
   c) incredible, fastly  
   d) incredibly, fastly

28. Agent Green trailed ________ behind Dr. Hurt's henchmen as they walked down the ________ alley.
   a) silent, dirty  
   b) silently, dirty
   c) silent, dirtily  
   d) silently, dirtily

29. The news anchors reported ________ that the villainous Dr. Hurt was ________ from prison.
   a) sad, free  
   b) sadly, free
   c) sad, freely  
   d) sadly, freely

30. Ms. Fortune thought that Dr. Hurt's evil underground lair smelled ________, but Dr. Hurt didn't notice the ________ odor.
   a) bad, foul  
   b) badly, foul
   c) bad, foully  
   d) badly, foully