

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? **Students** What part of speech is that? **Adjective**

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

What word is modified? **Decorated** What part of speech is that? **Adverb**

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

What word is modified? **We** What part of speech is that? **Adjective**

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

What word is modified? **Singing** What part of speech is that? **Adverb**

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

What word is modified? **The mood** What part of speech is that? **Adjective**

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

What word is modified? **Laughing** What part of speech is that? **Adjective**

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

What word is modified? **Were** What part of speech is that? **Adjective**

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

What word is modified? **Applied** What part of speech is that? **Adverb**

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

What word is modified? **Performed** What part of speech is that? **Adverb**

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

What word is modified? **I** What part of speech is that? **Adjective**

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

What word is modified? **Watched** What part of speech is that? **Adverb**

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

What word is modified? **It** What part of speech is that? **Adjective**

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

What word is modified? **Disappeared** What part of speech is that? **Adverb**

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

What word is modified? **Inquired** What part of speech is that? **Adverb**

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

What word is modified? **Quickly** What part of speech is that? **Adverb**

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.