ADJECTIVES

What’s a Nice -ly Like You Doing on an Adjective Like That?

Many adverbs end with -ly and answer the question “how?” about a verb. For example:

The baby hippo looked **lovingly** at its mother.

How did it look? **Lovingly.** **Lovingly** is the adverb.

But not all words that end with -ly are adverbs. Some are adjectives (words that describe nouns). Adjectives often answer the question “what kind of?” about a noun. For example:

My brother is a **silly** kid.

*Silly* ends with -ly, but it’s not an adverb. It’s an adjective because it describes a kid (a noun) and tells what kind of a kid he is. He’s silly.

**DIRECTIONS**

In the newspaper headlines below, all the words in boldface end with -ly. Some of the words are adverbs. The others are adjectives. Above each boldface word, print **ADJ** if it’s an adjective or **ADV** if it’s an adverb. Careful! This can be tricky.

1. **CHILLY** Day spoils Fourth of July parade
2. Couple is **HAPPILY** married for 75 years
3. Citizens demand cleanup of **SMELLY** dump
4. Mayor **LOUDLY** demands a recount of votes
5. **ELDERLY** man climbs world’s highest mountain
6. Amazing face cream makes **UGLY** gorilla pretty
7. Lottery winner **FOOLISHLY** loses winning ticket
8. Girl with **CURLY** hair climbs tree to rescue cat
9. Boy **BOLDLY** saves town from hiccupping disease
10. Queen’s dog gives birth to **CUDDLY** puppies