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

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