

Adjective

Name: _____

or Adverb?

All **-ly** words are not created equal! Some people see an **-ly** ending on a word and think that it's an adverb. That's because many adverbs do end in **-ly**. But be careful. An **-ly** ending can also be found on some adjectives. How do you tell the difference?

An **adverb** often describes a **verb**, while an **adjective** often describes a **noun**.

Read each sentence. Circle the -ly word. Decide whether it is an adverb or an adjective. Write the appropriate term on the line following the sentence.

Example: No one wanted to live by the smelly landfill. adjective

1. They ran quickly to their seats. _____
2. The people in the small town were friendly. _____
3. The boat sailed peacefully down the river. _____
4. The elderly man could not walk very far. _____
5. I like curly hair better than straight hair. _____
6. The soldiers fought bravely against the enemy. _____
7. The sun was shining brightly in the deep blue sky. _____
8. They visited their grandparents frequently in the summer. _____
9. We walked cautiously down the side of the road in the rain. _____
10. The winter weather was chilly. _____
11. The breeze blew gently through the tall trees. _____
12. She whispered softly in his ear, "I love you." _____
13. The children enjoyed singing the silly songs. _____
14. They hiked tirelessly up the rugged mountain. _____
15. He smiled at the lovely woman as she walked by. _____
16. We happily joined the party when we finished working. _____
17. They sadly lowered their heads after the funeral. _____
18. Jennifer smiled shyly at the students in her new class. _____
19. We were upset when the man looked at us strangely. _____
20. My baby sister held her cuddly teddy bear while she slept. _____