

MGCCC, Jackson County Campus

ADJECTIVES AND ADVERBS

Adjectives

- Describe ONLY nouns or pronouns
- Answer one of these questions:
 1. *What kind of?*
Examples:
 - a. Melissa bought a cute, blue shirt.
 - b. Write your title underneath the category title.
 - c. It's a contest for authors, published and unpublished.
 2. *Which one?*
Examples:
 - a. Jasmine wants that book after you finish.
 - b. The price of cars these days is amazing.
 - c. You want a date with which girl?
 3. *How many?*
Examples:
 - a. Her diamond earrings cost thirteen hundred dollars.
 - b. The instructor requires forty note cards for the assignment.
 - c. Three attractions at the fair sustained wind damage.

Adverbs

- Modify ONLY verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs
- Answer one of these questions:
 1. *How?*
Examples:
 - a. Please enter the theater quietly.
 - b. This privilege is valued highly by all patrons
 - c. Madison definitely wants you for the job.

2. *When?*

Examples:

- a. Tomorrow the Monet exhibits opens in Memphis.
- b. I will see you later.
- c. After you pay your fees, you may get your books.

3. *Where?*

Examples:

- a. There he sat, alone and silent.
- b. We will find peace and quiet somewhere.
- c. Who let the dog outside?

4. *Why?*

Examples:

- a. Since you began studying, your grades have improved.
- b. I was late because I had a flat tire.
- c. David couldn't buy a concert ticket because he has no money in his account.

5. *How much/How little? (To what extent or degree?)*

Examples:

- a. Donald Trump is extremely wealthy.
- b. I could scarcely hear the speaker.
- c. Brianna absolutely refused to believe that story.

6. *How often?*

Examples:

- a. He never smiles.
- b. Usually he completes his work on time.
- c. We sometimes vacation in Cancun.

7. *Under what conditions?*

Examples:

- a. If you win the lottery, will you quit your job?
- b. We are going to the beach unless it rains.
- c. Provided that the web site is ready, you may register online.

*** Note that this information applies not only to one-word adjectives and adverbs but also to phrases and clauses used as adjectives and adverbs.