Adverb or Adjective #1

Adverbs and adjectives both describe, but they're used differently. Examine the chart and examples below to see how each is used.

Adverbs Modify

Verbs Adjectives Other adverbs

For example:

Verb adverb

My sister <u>drives</u> <u>carefully</u>.

Adjectives Modify

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For example:

noun adjective

Mike was tired after the race.

Directions: Look at the sentences below and decide whether an adverb or adjective is needed. Circle your choice. Then underline the word it modifies. (Hint: adverbs usually, but not always, end in "ly").

- 1. The house looked (empty, emptily).
- 2. Jason pitched (wild, wildly).
- 3. The choir sang (good, well).
- 4. Those hills look (beautiful, beautifully).
- 5. The teams were matched (even, evenly).
- 6. The cheese on this cracker tastes (strange, strangely).
- 7. You print so (neat, neatly).
- 8. Ron arrived (prompt, promptly) at ten.
- 9. I go to the gym (regular, regularly).
- 10. The snow fell (steady, steadily).
- 11. The solution to the crime seemed (obvious, obviously).
- 12. The hem of the skirt was (real, really) crooked.

Adjectives or Adverbs? #2

Directions: Determine whether each underlined word below is an adjective or an adverb.

- 1. The woolly mammoth is believed to be the ancestor of the modern elephant.
- 2. She jumped up <u>suddenly</u> and left the room.
- 3. This recipe calls for <u>coarsely</u> ground nuts.
- 4. The early bird gets the worm.
- 5. She speaks so <u>softly</u> that I can hardly hear her.
- 6. She has <u>curly</u> blond hair and blue eyes.
- 7. "Come here, quickly," she said, "and help me get this curtain hung."
- 8. At the pet shop a cuddly little kitten snuggled up to me, and I almost bought it.
- 9. A <u>nicely</u> trimmed hedge is an asset to a yard.
- 10. His kingly bearing makes him a perfect choice for the role of pharaoh in our play.
- 11. That oil painting is absolutely magnificent!
- 12. Toothpaste ads on television always feature models with gleaming, pearly teeth.
- 13. "I'm the greatest," he said jokingly, as he flexed his almost nonexistent muscles.