

## REINFORCEMENT EXERCISES

### Using Modifiers

**A. Recognize adjectives.** Write each adjective in these sentences. Tell which word it modifies. Do not include articles.

1. This special exhibit will travel to thirty museums.
2. That Italian sports car has a deluxe interior.
3. Dense, black smoke poured out of the rusty tailpipe.
4. Three mysterious strangers appeared at the door.
5. Several famous sculptors worked on that huge marble statue.
6. I ate one of the biggest red raspberries in the bowl.
7. Two dignified bronze lions guarded the gate.
8. Some Indian food is cooked in clay ovens.
9. The violent storm destroyed many large homes.
10. Tiny green buds dotted the forsythia branches.

**B. Find predicate adjectives.** Write the predicate adjective in each sentence. Tell which word it modifies.

1. Rebecca seems quiet today.
2. That odd melody somehow sounds very familiar.
3. This dead tree is hollow.
4. The bridge is usually slippery after a storm.
5. Claire is very artistic.
6. American consumers must become more aware of safety factors.
7. Your jigsaw puzzle looks difficult.
8. The paths through the swamp were treacherous.
9. Many popular children's shows are also educational.
10. This beautiful roll-top desk is very old.

**C. Use adjectives in comparison.** Choose the correct adjective.

1. Jori seems (more cheerful, cheerfuller) than usual.
2. These new shoestrings are (shorter, more shorter) than the ones that broke.

3. Of the three stories, which is (more factual, most factual)?
4. The budget for this film was the (most lowest, lowest) of the series.

5. The combat forces have become (stronger, more strong) in the past few years.
6. Have you ever tasted (more spicier, spicier) chili?
7. Who was the (younger, youngest) of all the Presidents?
8. This year the business was (more profitable, most profitable) than last year.
9. Jennifer looks (happier, more happier) than her friends.
10. Of all these paperbacks, this one is the (more humorous, most humorous) to read.

**D. Recognize adverbs.** Write each adverb and the word it modifies. Sentences may contain more than one adverb.

1. A trap door in the floor slowly opened.
2. My grandparents arrived yesterday from Tulsa.
3. Cindy Nicholas swam the English Channel twice.
4. Carrie is too busy to answer the phone now.
5. The photographer carefully focused the camera.
6. Professional skaters practice here quite frequently.
7. Phil seemed extremely proud of his brother.
8. Currently, Congress is seriously considering other energy sources.
9. The fishing fleet always returns here in the evening.
10. Two helicopters hovered loudly overhead.

**E. Use adverbs in comparison.** Choose the correct adverb.

1. The sun shines (more intensely, most intensely) in California than in Alaska.
2. You will play (better, more better) if you warm up.
3. Of all the joggers, Al runs (farther, farthest).
4. She sang (more better, better) tonight than last night.
5. Brian eats (littler, less) than anyone else in the family.
6. The storm hit (hardest, most hard) in the tropics.
7. Randy can repair appliances (more skillfully, most skillfully) than his brother.