



The Descriptive Detectives

The Descriptive Detectives view a mystery as a story with the keywords and details missing. **Adverbs** are words that provide more information about verbs: how something is done or when it occurred.

Example: The owner of the town jewelry shop Ms. Gemini **extravagantly** displays her merchandise in her store windows. Ms. Gemini **warmly** greets customers when they come in, except when she is **intensely** involved in a phone conversation.

A ruby necklace is missing from Ms. Gemini's store! Below are sentences from the detectives' descriptive report written after closely investigating the scene of the crime and interviewing Miss Gemini. Match the appropriate adverb with the verb it would be best suited to describe.

- a. immediately
- b. happily
- c. purposely
- d. excitedly
- e. With great care
- f. thoroughly
- g. loudly
- h. securely
- i. leisurely
- j. quickly

Ms. Gemini noted that she _____ unwrapped the new ruby necklace from its box around 3:00 p.m. _____, she placed it on the velvet pedestal in the display case at the front of the store. Her cell phone then _____ rang from within her pocket. Ms. Gemini shared that she _____ answered it since it was her sister, who she was anxious to tell about her pet poodle Sophie's latest tricks. As she was talking on the phone, she _____ gathered all the paper wrapping that the necklace came _____ packaged in. Ms. Gemini said she _____ put the heap into the trash can. She then _____ sat back in her desk chair to chat about Sophie. She recalls _____ staring at the photograph of the dog on her desk. At 4:00 p.m. she _____ strode back in to the showroom to count the cash in the register, only to notice that the ruby necklace was no longer on display.

What did the Detectives deduce was also buried within the trash can? _____.

... Case Closed.

