

Chapter 5: Adjectives and Adverbs

Position of Adjectives

Underline the adjectives once. Underline all proper adjectives twice. Draw an arrow from each adjective to the noun or pronoun it modifies.

- Nathan Hale was an American patriot during the Revolutionary War.
- He was only twenty-one when an officer in the British army hanged him for spying.
- Hale will always be known for his bravery and courage.
- He remains one of America's most-remembered heroes.
- Hale's famous statement, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country," has long inspired patriotism in students of American history.

Position of Adverbs

Underline the adverbs. Draw an arrow from each adverb to the word it modifies.

- As a young person, Hale was mostly known for his calm and pious spirit.
- He thoroughly enjoyed sports, and his friends said he played soccer very well.
- Hale also took advantage of many education opportunities during his teen years.
- He rigorously studied under the tutelage of Joseph Huntington and later at Yale College.
- After his graduation from Yale, he successfully worked as a teacher for a year in Connecticut.

Using Modifiers Correctly

Underline the correct adjective or adverb from the choices in parentheses.

- Nathan Hale was (*concerned*, *more concerned*) than most of his peers about American rights.
- He became a lieutenant and (*greatly*, *greatlier*) helped in the siege of Boston.
- The British had the (*largest*, *most largest*) organized army in the world at that time.
- His courage was (*greater*, *greatest*) than many others'.
- He (*openly*, *more openly*) displayed his bravery by following the British to New York.

Distinguishing Between Adverbs and Predicate Adjectives

Underline the correct word from the choices in parentheses.

16. Hale's superior seemed (unwilling, unwillingly) to ask for anyone to cross enemy lines.
17. Hale appeared (eager, eagerly) about assuming this responsibility.
18. He looked (*deceptive*, deceptively) like a Dutch businessman in his disguise.
19. Hale felt (devoted, devotedly) to his duty, even after his capture.
20. In the face of death, he remained (faithful, faithfully) to his belief in American rights.

Good or Well? Bad or Badly? and Avoiding Double Negatives

Underline the correct word from the choices in parentheses.

21. Hale performed (*good*, well) as a soldier.
22. He wasn't afraid of (anything, nothing).
23. Hale's behavior was never (bad, badly), even in extreme danger.
24. He was a (good, well) strategist.
25. Hale didn't have (any, no) fears about facing the enemy.

Problems with Modifier Positions

Rewrite the following sentences, correcting or improving modifier positions.

26. Hale even knew that he could help save the American army from defeat.

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27. He only volunteered because he felt it was his duty as a soldier to protect his country.

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28. The soldiers who waited for his return expectantly hoped that he would not be caught.

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29. All of the soldiers were not as brave as Hale.

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30. Instead of only serving himself, Hale sacrificed for the good of the nation.

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