

OPENING ADJECTIVES

Name: _____

Part 1 Directions:

Match each opening adjective with the best-possible sentence on the right.

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| A. Alive | 1. _____, I wanted to run away and be gone from this strange place. |
| B. Hot and dusty and over-wearied | 2. _____, I felt behind me, my hand pleading with the rifle. |
| C. Lonesome | 3. _____, the elephant was worth at least a hundred pounds, but dead, we would only be worth the value of his tusks, five pounds, possibly. |
| D. Able to move now | 4. _____, he rocked his own body back and forth, breath deeply to release the remembered pain. |
| E. Frantic, never turning my head—because the water buffalo had started his charge | 5. he came to our door and eases his heavy pack and asked for refreshment, and Devola brought him a pail of water from our spring. |

Part 2 Directions:

Add an opening adjective (or opening adjective phrase) to each sentence. BE CAREFUL to describe the NOUN, not the verb.

1. _____, the boy leaped forward and grabbed the ball from Charles Wallace's hand, then darted back into the shadows.
2. _____, he held on to life as long as possible.
3. _____, the beach was calling my name.
4. _____, my twelve-year little sister ran away from home to get revenge on my parents for grounding her.

Part 3 Directions:

Add a sentence after each opening adjective.

1. Dark, velvety, _____

2. Happy to be on vacation for a week, _____

OPENING ADVERBS

Part 1 Directions:

Match each opening adjective with the best-possible sentence on the right.

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| A. Curiously | 1. _____, to sneak up on a giraffe was far more difficult than I had imagined. |
| B. Weakly, tentatively | 2. _____, he would reach Peter's rooms, let himself in, and go about the early chores, building a fire, making half a dozen breakfast muffins, heating water for tea. |
| C. Slowly, magnificently | 3. _____, the ship rose out of the water, gleaming in the moonlight. |
| D. Promptly at six o'clock | 4. _____, the dying woman leaned herself back against the pillows. |
| E. Clearly | 5. _____, in summer and winter, maggots are uncommon in dumpsters. |

Part 2 Directions:

Add an opening adverb (or opening adverb phrase) to each sentence. BE CAREFUL to describe the VERB this time.

1. _____, the boy leaped forward and grabbed the ball from Charles Wallace's hand, then darted back into the shadows.
2. _____, he held on to life as long as possible.
3. _____, the beach was calling my name.
4. _____, my twelve-year little sister ran away from home to get revenge on my parents for grounding her.

Part 3 Directions:

Add a sentence after each opening adverb.

1. Deep in the forrest, _____

2. Without any warning, _____
