

CHAPTER 21: Adjectives and Adverbs

Answer Key

PRACTICE 1

1. The stunning blond woman, Marilyn Monroe, transformed herself from plain actress to American sex icon.
2. Americans adored her striking face, sexy body, and charming personality.
3. The aggressive paparazzi loved her public romances, and photographed her with famous actors and powerful politicians.
4. The media portrayed her as a tragic dumb blond, and as a sad, lonely, and insecure woman.
5. The unhappy and vulnerable celebrity had five volatile marriages.

PRACTICE 2

1. Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt, and Marc Antony, the man she loved, planned to conquer the powerful city of Rome. C
2. After the fierce battle, Marc Antony heard a ~~rumor false~~ *rumor false* that the vivacious Cleopatra was dead. _____
3. The handsome and shrewd general, Marc Antony, became depressed and killed himself. C
4. Cleopatra heard the horrible news about Marc Antony, and she committed suicide by *poisonous snake* allowing a ~~snake poisonous~~ to bite her. _____
5. With the death of Cleopatra, the rule of the pharaohs ended, and Egypt became a *Roman province* province Roman. _____

PRACTICE 3

1. A (Indian / 15-year-old / shy) shy 15-year-old indian princess named Mumtaz married Shah Jahan in 1612 and became his favorite wife. They shared a (long / passionate) long passionate love that lasted until she died in 1629.
2. Shah Jahan constructed the (white / beautiful) beautiful white Taj Mahal as a symbol of their love. Around (skilled / 20,000) 20,000 skilled workers and (Indian

/ gray / 1,000) 1,000 gray indian elephants took nearly twenty years to complete the Taj Mahal.

3. The mausoleum is made of (white / smooth) smooth white marble and sits on a sandstone platform. The interior contains (intricate / Islamic) intricate Islamic designs made of semiprecious stones. Shah Jahan planned to build a (marble / black / stunning) stunning black marble mausoleum for himself, but the project was never started. When he died, he was buried beside his (beloved / young) beloved young queen queen in the Taj Mahal.

PRACTICE 4

1. Frida Kahlo was born in 1907 and was raised in an upperclass Mexican neighborhood. From an early age, she enjoyed wearing flamboyant, ^{*shocking*} ~~shocked~~ clothing. She would appear in men's suits or long dresses, and she often wore ^{*beautiful*} ~~beautiful~~ flowers in her hair.

2. In high school, the ^{*restless*} ~~restles~~ young girl first met the great Mexican artist Diego Rivera when he painted a ^{*wonderful*} ~~wonderfull~~ mural for her school. At the age of twenty, Frida met Diego again when she showed him some of her ^{*colorful*} ~~colorfull~~ paintings. Diego encouraged Frida and told her that her self-portraits were very ^{*original*} ~~originals~~.

3. Even though Diego was much older than Frida, they fell in love and married in 1929. Their stormy relationship included many affairs. Diego was a ^{*skillful*} ~~skillfull~~ womanizer and, after several years of marriage, he pursued Frida's younger sister, Cristina. Perhaps to retaliate, Frida also had extramarital relationships. She had a ^{*surprising*} ~~surprised~~ romance with the Communist leader Leon Trotsky when he was a guest at her home.

4. The scandalous, passionate relationship between Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera remains one of Mexico's most ^{*publicized*} ~~publicizing~~ love stories.

PRACTICE 5

1. beautifully
2. often
3. virtually
4. soon
5. really
6. extremely
7. delightfully
8. heavily
9. wonderfully
10. entirely

PRACTICE 6

1. One of the most famous love stories of the twentieth century was the romance between John Lennon and Yoko Ono. In 1967, John met Yoko in a gallery where she was exhibiting her artwork. John climbed up a ladder and ~~careful~~ ^{carefully} examined a tiny painting. On the painting was the word *yes*, and John liked the fact that the message was positive.
2. When John and Yoko married, the press followed ~~often~~ ^{often} them, and they ~~usually were~~ ^{were usually} chased by photographers. The couple also had a ~~truly~~ ^{truly} difficult time because Beatles fans did not accept Yoko. In 1973, the couple broke up, but John ~~eventually~~ ^{eventually} realized that he wanted to be in New York with the love of his life. Unfortunately, when John was forty years old, he was killed by a deranged gunman. John's fans ~~never~~ ^{never} have forgiven the killer.

PRACTICE 7

1. Arranged marriages are ~~commonly~~ ^{common} in many parts of the world.
2. Parents find ~~often~~ ^{often} a mate for their son or daughter based on criteria such as level of education, job prospects, and family background.

3. Advocates of arranged marriages believe ~~real~~^{really} strongly that love can come later in the relationship.

4. Love marriages happen ~~regular~~^{regularly} in many countries.

5. In love marriages, people sometimes fall in love ~~quick~~^{quickly}.

6. In some Western societies, common-law unions have ~~gradualy~~^{gradually} become popular.

7. The Netherlands ~~official~~^{officially} recognizes common-law unions.

8. In your opinion, should common-law couples have the same ~~legal~~^{legally} rights as married couples?

PRACTICE 8

1. Varied wedding traditions exist in the world. In Fiji, it is considered a (good, well) practice to give a whale tooth symbolizing wealth to the bride's father.

2. At Greek weddings, guests throw dishes on the floor for (good, well) luck.

3. In North American Christian weddings, it is (bad, badly) luck for the groom to see the bride's dress before the wedding. There is usually a big wedding feast, and sometimes the food is cooked (bad, badly).

4. At traditional Jewish weddings, an Israeli dance called the hora is performed. Some people dance (good, well) while others dance (bad, badly).

5. Many people consider a community center to be a (good, well) place to hold a wedding reception.

PRACTICE 9

	Comparative	Superlative
1. easy	Easier	Easiest
2. easily	More easily	Most easily
3. good	Better	Best
4. bad	Worse	worst
5. happy	Happier	happiest
6. quickly	More quickly	Most quickly
7. careful	More careful	Most careful
8. fast	Faster	Fastest
9. thin	Thinner	Thinnest
10. lazy	Lazier	Laziest

11. red	Redder	Reddest
12. decent	More decent	Most decent

PRACTICE 10

1. greatest
2. better
3. most
4. best
5. more
6. further
7. worst
8. biggest
9. sadder
10. most

PRACTICE 11

1. Some of the (great) greatest works of fiction are based on some of the (passionate) most passionate relationships. Many of Shakespeare's plays were based on relationships, including *Antony and Cleopatra* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Shakespeare also wrote romantic sonnets. I think that love poetry is (good) better than love stories. I like to read horror stories the (little) least of all types of literature.
2. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote a poem in 1858 called *The Courtship of Miles Standish*. This poem was about one of the (early) earliest romances that took place in the American colonies.
3. Miles Standish was an upstanding leader who fell in love with Priscilla Mullins, the (beautiful) most beautiful maiden in the colonies. Oddly, although he was one of the (respected) most respected men in the colony, he was also one of the (timid) most timid. Because of his acute shyness, Standish could not bring himself to express his love for Priscilla. His friend John Alden, who was (outgoing) more outgoing than he, decided to tell Priscilla about Standish's feelings. Unfortunately, Priscilla fell in love with Alden, who was the (charming) most charming man she had ever met. The love triangle resolved itself, and Alden eventually married Priscilla with Miles Standish's blessing.

PRACTICE 12

1. Charles Lindberg was an all-American hero because, in 1927, he was the first person safely to fly originally ~~safe~~ across the Atlantic Ocean. Charles ~~originally~~ pursued Anne Morrow's sister.

However, when he saw the more younger Anne, he fell in love with her. She was ~~real~~ *really* beautiful. They lived ~~happy~~ *happily* for a while. She wrote a memoir of their relationship that led to more greater celebrity status for the pair. The more Anne wrote, the ~~happier~~ *happier* she became.

2. In some respects, the couple had a perfect relationship. Anne worked ~~tireless~~ *tirelessly* beside her husband, helping him navigate during his flights. In an era when most women did not work outside the home, Anne was ~~more~~ happier pursuing her writing and flying careers than being a housewife.

3. However, the relationship between Charles and Anne was not perfect. They both had affairs, and at one point, Anne fell in love with one of the ~~most~~ best writers of the era, *most* Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. Charles and Anne also lived through the ~~more~~ tragic event of their lives. In 1932, their first child was kidnapped and murdered. About four years later, Bruno Richard Hauptmann was executed for the crime.

4. The more Charles and Anne suffered, the ~~strongest~~ *stronger* their relationship became. They went on to have more children, and they were together until the death of Charles in 1974.

FINAL REVIEW

1. One of the ~~more~~ *most* controversial issues in contemporary American politics is same-sex marriage. Same-sex marriage refers to a ~~legally~~ *legal* union between people of the same sex. People have ~~strong~~ *strongly* held opinions about this topic.

2. In the United States, individual states have jurisdiction over marriage. Therefore, the ~~conflicted~~ *conflicting* states have ~~conflicted~~ laws on gay marriage. Massachusetts recognizes gay marriage.

Vermont, Connecticut, and New Hampshire acknowledge civil unions between couples of the same sex. Other states bar same-sex marriage, arguing that it is ~~worst~~ *worse* than other crimes.

3. The more this issue remains unsolved, the ~~most~~ *more* divisive it becomes. Jim and Paul have been together for five years. Paul writes ~~good~~ *well* and runs a magazine for the gay community. They both work ~~tireless~~ *tirelessly* to lobby their state government to change laws about marriage. They argue that same-sex marriage is a civil right. Therefore, as citizens, gay couples should have the same rights as heterosexual couples. The ~~worse~~ *worst* mistake a democratic government can make is to discriminate against a minority group. On the other hand, Edward and Christabel are opposed to same-sex marriages. They have been married for ten years and have a seven-~~years~~ *year*-old daughter. They believe marriage is based on natural law, and procreation can only happen naturally between a man and a woman. Families are the ~~most~~ greatest cornerstones of civilization.

4. Religious groups also have opinions about this issue. They state that same-sex marriage will change the concept of traditional marriage ~~real~~ *really* quickly. Some conservative Christians believe that same-sex marriage contradicts biblical laws. Other religious groups support same-sex marriage because they believe that two consenting adults should have the right to form a loving and committed union.

5. ~~Different~~ *Different* groups voice various opinions. This issue will ~~eventually~~ *eventually* be resolved, but in the meantime, the ~~interested~~ *interesting* debate continues.