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The Curious Case of the Missing Modifiers

Directions: Each sentence below comes from the detective files of Inspector Grammarstein. Your job is to help solve the mystery by identifying the **descriptive adjectives** (circle them) and **action-modifying adverbs** (underline them).

Inspector's Notes

- An **adjective** describes a **noun** (a person, place, thing, or idea).
- An **adverb** describes a **verb**, **adjective**, or **another adverb**-usually telling **how**, **when**, **where**, or **to what extent**.

1. The sneaky cat silently crept across the dark rooftop.
2. Inspector Grammarstein quickly grabbed his shiny magnifying glass.
3. A loud crash echoed through the quiet hallway.
4. The suspect spoke nervously but gave a clear alibi.
5. She tiptoed carefully past the broken vase.
6. A mysterious note was neatly tucked under the heavy book.
7. He stared blankly at the empty whiteboard, thinking.
8. The clues were hidden too well to be noticed immediately.
9. That suspicious man walked slowly toward the narrow alley.
10. The dog barked loudly at the tiny figure in the shadows.

