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Grammar Cop

The Case of Saxophone Disaster

Marcia's big mistake got her kicked out of the school band. But was it really her fault? Marcia's written a letter to her parents, explaining the situation. See if you can find all the adjectives and adverbs she uses. **Directions:** Circle the all the adjectives and underline all the adverbs.

Dear Mom and Dad,

I have a little problem. Mr. Willis suddenly kicked me out of the band. He called me a troublemaker. But it's all a big mistake! Here's the whole story:

Remember last Friday when you told me to thoroughly clean my closet? Well, what I didn't tell you is that while I was cleaning, I lost dear Zippy. I took her out of the cozy tank so she could keep me company. But I must have lost her in my closet. you have repeatedly told me my closet is ridiculously messy. And you're right. You wouldn't believe the crazy stuff I found in there! Do you remember that pepperoni pizza we couldn't find? And Dad, are you missing some fuzzy, purple slippers?

Anyway, I never found poor Zippy. I figured she was slithering happily in the closet. I thought I would find her eventually. Snakes like pepperoni pizza, right?

So I went to the recital. We started playing "Oops ... I Did It Again." Suddenly the girl next to me screamed loudly. Zippy was sticking her little, green head out of my saxophone! I swear she was dancing. The rest of the band was not charmed, and they quickly ran off the stage. Mr. Willis closed the front curtain. He angrily told me I was fired from the band!

Do you think Mr. Willis will forgive me? And what about Zippy? That snake's got some serious groove! Do you think she can audition for the next American Idol?

Your sorry daughter,

Marcia