Modifier Exercise

Modifiers: Modifiers describe, specify, or limit the meanings of other words. Adjectives and adverbs are the most common types of modifiers, but there are others: articles (a, an, the), possessives, phrases, clauses and sometimes nouns.

Circle the correct modifier in each sentence.

1. Brush your teeth (good, well) after eating sweets.
2. Have you ever seen anyone drive (graceful, gracefully)?
3. The new rules are ( stricter, more stricter) than the old ones.
4. Ralph’s plan sounded (foolish, foolishly) to most of the members.
5. The price doesn’t make (no, any) difference to him.
6. Which is (farthest, farther) south — Atlanta or Nashville?
7. Rosemary should clean her room more (thoroughly, thorough).
8. Do you consider math or algebra (harder, hardest)?
9. I thought that his flute sounded (terribly, terrible).
10. Motors run more ( economical, economically) at moderate speeds.
11. It was the (most delightful, delightfulest) trip I have ever taken.
12. The Pistons tried very (desperately, desperate) for a touchdown.
13. The new road is (safer, more safe) than the old one.
14. This story begins very (interesting, interestingly).
15. I prefer a (more milder, milder) cheese.

Answers on back.
Answers to modifier quiz:

1. well
2. gracefully
3. stricter
4. foolish
5. any
6. farther
7. thoroughly
8. harder
9. terribly
10. economically
11. most delightful
12. desperately
13. safer
14. interestingly
15. milder