

# Diction

## Consider:

The man sighed **hugely**.

— E. Annie Proulx, *The Shipping News*

## Discuss:

1. What does it mean to sigh hugely?
2. How would the meaning of the sentence change if we rewrote it as:

*The man sighed **loudly**.*

## Apply:

Fill in the blank below with an adverb:

The man coughed \_\_\_\_\_.

Your adverb should make the cough express an attitude. For example, the cough could express contempt, desperation, or propriety. Do not state the attitude. Instead, let the adverb imply it. Share your sentence with the class.