

Tom Swifties



Tom Swifties are puns that use a slightly different double meaning for an adverb. The only rule is that the adverbs end in "-ly".

"Were those excruciating adverbial puns known as Tom Swifties invented by the author of *Gulliver's Travels*?" asks Tom swiftly.

"No, they were originated by Edward Stratemeyer in a series of strip cartoons about a character called Tom Swift. That was in the USA in the 1920s" Ed states decadently.

Examples:

"I think my leg is broken," declared the football player lamely.

"Your shirt is almost ready," the laundress said steamily.

"This building is slated for demolition," the workman yelled explosively.

"I am not a dummy," declared the young man lifelessly.

delightfully	hopelessly	angrily	rarely
aggressively	slowly	frequently	quickly
loudly	beautifully	sharply	happily

Using adverbs from the list, or those of your own choosing, write at least three Tom Swifties.
