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Adverbs

An **adverb** is a word that describes a verb. It tells you about an action, or the way something is done.

A lot of adverbs end in **-ly**.



They laughed **loudly**.

The baby is sleeping **soundly**.



The dog is barking **fiercely**.

Alice skated **beautifully**.

The Prince and the Princess lived **happily** ever after.

The birds are singing **sweetly**.

It is raining **heavily**.

The dog and the cat live together **peacefully**.

The soldiers fought **bravely**.

The sun is shining **brightly**.

The old man walked **slowly**.

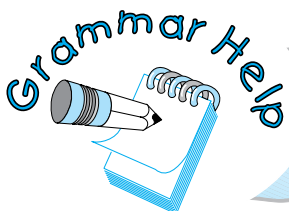
Spelling File

Adjective

beautiful
brave
bright
fierce
happy
heavy
loud
peaceful
slow
sound
sweet

Adverb

beautifully
bravely
brightly
fiercely
happily
heavily
loudly
peacefully
slowly
soundly
sweetly



Many adverbs are made by adding **-ly** to adjectives.

Some adverbs describe the way something is done.
They are called **adverbs of manner**.



The driver braked **suddenly**.



The parcel arrived **safely**.



The dog jumped up **playfully**.

Please write **legibly**.

Please speak **clearly**.

Look **closely** at these footprints.

You have all answered **correctly**.

You can shop **cheaply**
at this store.

Jamal dressed **smartly** for the party.

Maria is behaving **selfishly**.

The man drove **carelessly**.

The twins liked to dress **differently**.

She played **skillfully**.

Spelling File

Adjective

careless
cheap
clear
close
correct
different
playful
safe
selfish
skillful
smart

Adverb

carelessly
cheaply
clearly
closely
correctly
differently
playfully
safely
selfishly
skillfully
smartly

Some adverbs describe when something happens.
They are called **adverbs of time**.



Can I do my work **later**?
No, do it **now**.



Paul has **just** arrived.

He **often** swims in the evening.

Lisa is **always** cheerful.

Sometimes I ride my bike to school.

Everyone arrived **early**.

David arrived **late**.

It's snowing **again**.

The mother bird started to build her nest **yesterday**.

She is continuing to build it **today**.

She will finish it **tomorrow**.

John's shoes were too big for him **last year**.

They fit him **this year**.

They will be too small for him **next year**.

It rained **last night**.

The weather is fine **this morning**.

Some adverbs tell you where something happens. They are called **adverbs of place**.



Mom and Dad are watching television **upstairs**.



The children are playing **downstairs**.



It's raining. Let's go **inside**.

Rex, you can stay **outside**.

Come **here**!

Please put the books **there**.

The workers are moving the rubbish **away**.

The miners are working **underground**.

They are going **abroad** to study.

There are trees **everywhere**.

Alice lived **next door**.

Where's Shamika?

Exercise 1

Rewrite the following adjectives as *adverbs*.

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|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1 slow | _____ | 7 cool | _____ |
| 2 beautiful | _____ | 8 comfortable | _____ |
| 3 strong | _____ | 9 wise | _____ |
| 4 tidy | _____ | 10 quiet | _____ |
| 5 brave | _____ | 11 merry | _____ |
| 6 soft | _____ | 12 busy | _____ |

Exercise 2

Underline the *adverbs* in the following sentences.

- 1 The man shouted loudly.
- 2 He arrived early.
- 3 The train has already left.
- 4 He drove carelessly.
- 5 The students talked noisily.
- 6 The children are playing outside.
- 7 Let's go now.
- 8 Tom spoke politely to his teacher.
- 9 Have you seen Anne's cat anywhere?
- 10 Come here!