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## 29 USING ADVERBS THAT MODIFY VERBS

An adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. An adverb that modifies a verb answers one of these questions: *Where? When? In what way? To what extent?*

Where?	When?	In what way?	To what extent?
verb: went adverb: inside	verb: will talk adverb: later	verb: laughed adverb: loudly	adverb: almost verb: finished
verb: drive adverb: away	verb: played adverb: yesterday	verb: sew adverb: carefully	adverb: really verb: wish

Negative adverbs, such as *not*, *never*, and *nowhere*, also modify verbs.

EXAMPLES:      <sup>adverb</sup> I did **not** <sup>verb</sup> say that.      <sup>verb</sup> **Never** <sup>adverb</sup> give up.      We're getting **nowhere** <sup>verb</sup> fast. <sup>adverb</sup>

### Practice A Identifying How Adverbs Modify Verbs

Read each sentence. Then, circle the adverb and list what question it answers. (*Where? When? In what way? To what extent?*) Some sentences have more than one adverb.

**Example:** He laughed crazily.

**Answer:** He laughed crazily— In what way?

- My uncle is going away. \_\_\_\_\_
- The package arrived yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
- My mom drives well. \_\_\_\_\_
- Let's hang out soon. \_\_\_\_\_
- Aaron pitches badly. \_\_\_\_\_
- Stan waited eagerly. \_\_\_\_\_
- Chris almost screamed when they squealed loudly. \_\_\_\_\_
- Estefan hardly knew where he was when he awoke today. \_\_\_\_\_

### Practice B Writing Adverbs That Modify Verbs

Read each sentence. Then, fill in the blank with an appropriate adverb.

**Example:** Rennie walked \_\_\_\_\_ toward the waiting bus.

**Answer:** quickly

- Bob \_\_\_\_\_ arrived; where could he be?
- Ice melts \_\_\_\_\_ at 35 degrees Fahrenheit.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ agree with everything Miley said.
- Has anyone let the dog \_\_\_\_\_ recently?
- The weather changes \_\_\_\_\_.

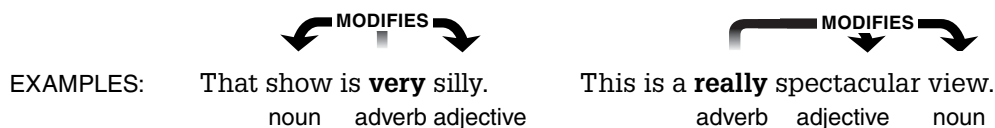
### Writing and Speaking Application

Write a paragraph describing a scene from your life, using at least five adverbs that modify verbs. Then, take turns reading your sentences with a partner. Your partner should listen for and identify the adverbs. Switch roles with your partner.

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### 30 USING ADVERBS THAT MODIFY ADJECTIVES

When adverbs modify adjectives, they answer only one question: *To what extent?*



#### Practice A Identifying Adverbs That Modify Adjectives

Read each sentence. Then, underline each adverb that modifies an adjective and circle the adjective. Do not underline adverbs that modify verbs or other adverbs.

**Example:** The broccoli casserole was quite delicious.

**Answer:** The broccoli casserole was quite (delicious).

- Our family car trips are rarely exciting.
- Space exploration is often dangerous.
- That bridge is not safe for traffic.
- Victor is a brilliantly musical pianist.
- That's a very impressive skateboard.
- One critic called this movie "relentlessly engaging."
- Gina is an effortlessly talented gymnast.
- That sauce smells awfully spicy.
- I'm not comfortable answering that question.
- Rachel can be exhaustingly friendly, but she means well.

#### Practice B Writing Adverbs That Modify Adjectives

Read each sentence. Then, fill in the blank to add an adverb that modifies an adjective.

**Example:** Grandma is \_\_\_\_\_ tired in the afternoon.

**Answer:** often

- I am \_\_\_\_\_ upset with Richard right now.
- Regina is \_\_\_\_\_ full after eating her dinner.
- This author's work is \_\_\_\_\_ intelligent.
- It's \_\_\_\_\_ warm before May around here.
- Pat is \_\_\_\_\_ confident in a crowd of people.
- Felipe seems \_\_\_\_\_ keen on meeting Marta.
- It's \_\_\_\_\_ darkest before the dawn.
- Jess is \_\_\_\_\_ energetic before noon.
- Hank mowed the lawn \_\_\_\_\_ enthusiastically.
- I'm \_\_\_\_\_ concerned about where Doreen went.

#### Writing and Speaking Application

Write a letter describing a place, using at least four adverbs that modify adjectives. Then, take turns reading your sentences with a partner. Your partner should listen for and identify the adverbs. Switch roles with your partner.

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### 31 ADVERBS MODIFYING OTHER ADVERBS

When adverbs modify other adverbs (words that modify verbs, adjectives, or adverbs), they answer one question: *To what extent?*



EXAMPLES: The river is **almost** **always** low.  
adverb adverb adjective



She petted the mouse **somewhat** **tenderly**.  
verb adverb adverb

#### Practice A Identifying Adverbs That Modify Adverbs

Read each sentence. Then, underline each adverb that modifies another adverb. Do not underline adverbs that modify verbs or adjectives.

**Example:** Everyone moved very quickly toward the exit.

**Answer:** Everyone moved very quickly toward the exit.

- Shane traveled more enjoyably alone.
- Hummingbirds are quite often tiny creatures.
- Luisa was really quite surprised to see Berta.
- Deer glide through the forest perfectly stealthily.
- American chestnut trees almost never survive the blight.
- Andy very consciously decided to change his attitude.
- Nature is fairly carefully observed in Audubon's paintings.
- It is more completely silent in deep space than anywhere on Earth.
- Mikey behaved less obnoxiously for the new babysitter.
- Maria made a rather eloquently argued plea for a deadline extension.

#### Practice B Writing Adverbs That Modify Adverbs

Read each sentence. Then, fill in the blank to add an adverb that modifies another adverb. Choose your adverb from the box below.

**Example:** The baby was sleeping \_\_\_\_\_ peacefully last night.

**Answer:** quite

almost	extremely	too	hardly	more
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- I always read mysteries \_\_\_\_\_ quickly than other books.
- Chip spoke \_\_\_\_\_ proudly about his family.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ ever see a shooting star.
- They \_\_\_\_\_ never visit each other.
- Jeffrey has always won \_\_\_\_\_ easily for his own good.

#### Writing and Speaking Application

Write a paragraph describing a state of mind, using at least four adverbs that modify adverbs. Then, take turns reading your sentences with a partner. Your partner should listen for and identify the adverbs. Switch roles with your partner.

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**32 FINDING ADVERBS IN SENTENCES****An adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.**

Adverbs can appear in different places in sentences. **Conjunctive adverbs** join two independent clauses and appear after the semicolon.

Adverb Placement	Example Sentence
Beginning	<b>Cautiously</b> , Kyle woke the sleeping tiger.
End	Kyle woke the sleeping tiger <b>cautiously</b> .
Before a verb	Kyle <b>cautiously</b> woke the sleeping tiger.
After a verb	Kyle tussled <b>cautiously</b> with the tiger.
Between parts of a verb phrase	Kyle had been <b>cautiously</b> tussling with the tiger.
Before an adjective	Kyle was <b>rarely</b> cautious.
Before an adverb	His sister was <b>usually</b> rather cautious.
After a semicolon	The tiger was sleeping; <b>therefore</b> , Kyle moved quietly.

**Practice A Locating Adverbs**

Read each sentence. Then, circle each adverb. Some sentences have more than one adverb.

**Example:** The waves crashed quite powerfully against the black sand.

**Answer:** The waves crashed quite powerfully against the black sand.

- Does that clock run very fast?
- Lori almost cried when she realized she had missed the most exciting concert of the year.
- I hope the party will distract Juan slightly from his worries.
- Danny is hardly ever quiet.
- Katie secretly keeps a diary that she updates often.
- Meg won the spelling bee easily; however, she had not studied at all.
- Jane carefully pasted her most meaningful pictures in her blue scrapbook.
- Recently, we found out that our greatly anticipated vacation would not happen.

**Practice B Writing Adverbs in Different Locations**

Read each sentence. Then, rewrite each sentence to add an adverb where indicated.

**Example:** Dinner was still warm when Lucy got home. (beginning of sentence)

**Answer:** Amazingly, dinner was still warm when Lucy got home.

- "I have wanted to go to Paris," she said. (between parts of a verb phrase)

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- Pat threw the ball to the receiver. (before a verb)

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- Ruth's mom is satisfied. (before an adjective)

\_\_\_\_\_

- "What?" Barry said, as he fought to keep his eyes open. (after a verb)

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**Writing and Speaking Application**

Write a paragraph describing an encounter with an animal, using at least five adverbs in different locations in your sentences. Then, take turns reading your sentences with a partner. Your partner should listen for and identify the adverbs. Switch roles with your partner.

