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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	verb: will talk	verb: laughed	adverb: almost
adverb: inside	adverb: later	adverb: loudly	verb: finished
verb: drive	verb: played	verb: sew	adverb: really
adverb: away	adverb: yesterday	adverb: carefully	verb: wish

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

adverb verb

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

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?

- 1. My uncle is going away. _____ **2.** The package arrived yesterday. 3. My mom drives well.
- 4. Let's hang out soon.
- 5. Aaron pitches badly.
- 6. Stan waited eagerly.
- 7. Chris almost screamed when they squealed
- 8. 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

1.	Bob	arrived; where could he be?

2. Ice melts ______ at 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

_____ agree with everything Miley said.

4. Has anyone let the dog _____

5. 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?

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EXAMPLES:

That show is **very** silly.

noun adverb adjective

This is a **really** spectacular view.

adverb adjective noun

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.

- 1. Our family car trips are rarely exciting.
- 2. Space exploration is often dangerous.
- 3. That bridge is not safe for traffic.
- 4. Victor is a brilliantly musical pianist.
- 5. That's a very impressive skateboard.
- **6.** One critic called this movie "relentlessly engaging."
- 7. Gina is an effortlessly talented gymnast.
- 8. That sauce smells awfully spicy.
- 9. I'm not comfortable answering that question.
- 10. 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.

ĽХ	ampie:	Grandma is tired in the afternoon.
An	swer:	<u>often</u>
1	I am	

1.	I am	upset with Richard right now
2.	Regina is	full after eating her dinner.
3.	This author's work is	intelligent.
4.	It's	warm before May around here
5.	Pat is	confident in a crowd of people
6.	Felipe seems	keen on meeting Marta
7.	It's	darkest before the dawn
8.	Jess is	energetic before noon
9.	Hank mowed the lawn	enthusiastically

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.

concerned about where Doreen went.

10. I'm _

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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?*

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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.

- 1. Shane traveled more enjoyably alone.
- **2.** Hummingbirds are quite often tiny creatures.
- 3. Luisa was really quite surprised to see Berta.
- **4.** Deer glide through the forest perfectly stealthily.
- **5.** American chestnut trees almost never survive the blight.
- 6. Andy very consciously decided to change his attitude.
- 7. Nature is fairly carefully observed in Audubon's paintings.
- 8. It is more completely silent in deep space than anywhere on Earth.
- 9. Mikey behaved less obnoxiously for the new babysitter.
- 10. 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
1.	I always read myste	eries				quickly than other books.
2.	Chip spoke					proudly about his family.
3.	I					ever see a shooting star.
4.	They					never visit each other.
5.	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	Cautiously, Kyle woke the sleeping tiger.
End	Kyle woke the sleeping tiger cautiously.
Before a verb	Kyle cautiously woke the sleeping tiger.
After a verb	Kyle tussled cautiously with the tiger.
Between parts of a verb phrase	Kyle had been cautiously tussling with the tiger.
Before an adjective	Kyle was rarely cautious.
Before an adverb	His sister was usually rather cautious.
After a semicolon	The tiger was sleeping; therefore, 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.

- 1. Does that clock run very fast?
- 2. Lori almost cried when she realized she had missed the most exciting concert of the year.
- 3. I hope the party will distract Juan slightly from his worries.
- 4. Danny is hardly ever quiet.
- 5. Katie secretly keeps a diary that she updates often.
- **6.** Meg won the spelling bee easily; however, she had not studied at all.
- 7. Jane carefully pasted her most meaningful pictures in her blue scrapbook.
- 8. 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.

- $\textbf{1.} \quad \text{``I have wanted to go to Paris,'' she said. (between parts of a verb phrase)}$
- **2.** Pat threw the ball to the receiver. (before a verb)
- 3. Ruth's mom is satisfied. (before an adjective)
- **4.** "What?" Barry said, as he fought to keep his eyes open. (after a verb)

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.

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33 ADVERB OR ADJECTIVE?

If a noun or pronoun is modified by a word, that modifying word is an adjective. If a verb, adjective, or adverb is modified by a word, that modifying word is an adverb.

Some words can function as either adjectives or adverbs, depending on their use in a sentence. An adjective answers the question What kind? Which one? How many? or How much? An adverb answers the question Where? When? In what way? or To what extent?

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EXAMPLES:

He arrived **early**.

Let's have an **early** dinner.

verb adverb adjective noun

Not all words that end in -ly are adverbs. Words like lovely and neighborly are adjectives.

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EXAMPLES:

Luisa earns an hourly wage. My computer files are saved hourly.

adjective noun verb adverb

Practice A Identifying Adverbs and Adjectives

Read each sentence. Then, circle each adjective and underline each adverb.

Example: The group moved slowly through the green, steamy jungle. **Answer:** The group moved slowly through the green, steamy jungle.

- 1. Tonight Edna added some cool songs to her playlists.
- 2. I need a new watch fast; my old one merely flashes "12:00."
- 3. Sadly, Max just burned two batches of oatmeal cookies.
- **4.** It's an incredibly difficult task to learn a new language.
- 5. I could not believe that Dwayne really liked rainy days.

Practice B Writing Adverbs and Adjectives

Read each sentence. Then, rewrite each sentence, adding at least one adjective and one adverb.

Example: Jules looked at the moon.

Answer: Jules looked longingly at the huge full moon.

- 1. William reads the newspaper. __
- 2. June and Fred went dancing.
- 3. The cat lies in the sun.
- **4.** Guillermo goes for a walk. ____
- **5.** The table leg broke. __

Writing and Speaking Application

Write a paragraph describing someone you know, using at least three adjectives and three adverbs. Then, take turns reading your sentences with a partner. Your partner should listen for and identify the adverbs. Switch roles with your partner.