

ADVERBS

An **adverb** is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Adverbs add detail about how, when, where, how often, or to what extent something happens, letting readers picture actions and descriptions more clearly.

Here are a couple of example sentences that contain simple adverbs.

Quickly grab your coat and meet me outside.

The choir sang exceptionally well tonight.

TYPES OF ADVERBS

In the first example sentence, the adverbs *quickly* (manner) and *outside* (place) tell us how and where the action occurs. In the second sentence, *exceptionally* (degree) intensifies the adverb *well*, which itself modifies the verb *sang*.

	Question Answered	Example Adverbs
Manner	How?	quickly, carefully, loudly
Time	When?	now, yesterday, soon
Place	Where?	here, everywhere, downstairs
Frequency	How often?	always, rarely, weekly
Degree	How much?	very, almost, completely

DEGREES OF COMPARISON

Adverbs can show comparison, just like adjectives.

Positive Degree

The cheetah is **fast**.

Comparative Degree

The cheetah is **faster** than the lion.

Superlative Degree

The cheetah is the **fastest** land animal.

LIST OF ADVERBS

abruptly	enormously	intensely	rapidly
accidentally	especially	internationally	rarely
actually	evenly	joyfully	really
afterwards	eventually	justly	recently
almost	exactly	keenly	recklessly
always	excitedly	kindly	regularly
annually	extremely	knowingly	reluctantly
anxiously	fairly	lately	repeatedly
awkwardly	fast	lazily	rightly
badly	finally	loosely	roughly
boldly	firmly	loudly	rudely
briskly	freely	madly	safely
broadly	frequently	merrily	scarcely
calmly	fully	monthly	seriously
carefully	gently	neatly	sharply
cautiously	gladly	nervously	shortly
certainly	gracefully	noisily	silently
cheerfully	greatly	normally	slowly
clearly	happily	occasionally	smoothly
closely	hastily	often	softly
completely	heavily	openly	sometimes
constantly	helpfully	painfully	soon
continually	highly	patiently	suddenly
correctly	honestly	perfectly	surely
daily	hourly	playfully	swiftly
deeply	hungrily	politely	tenderly
deliberately	immediately	poorly	terribly
diligently	immensely	powerfully	thankfully
directly	impatiently	promptly	thoroughly
eagerly	incredibly	properly	thoughtfully
easily	indoors	quickly	truly
elegantly	innocently	quietly	usually