

Adverbs That Modify Adjectives and Other Adverbs

Directions: Draw an arrow from the underline word to the word it modifies.
Label the parts of speech for both words.

1. The actors were extremely nervous.
2. You should drive very carefully.
3. It rains quite often during the month of April.
4. Your turkey dinner tasted truly delicious.
5. Rita arrived too early.
6. Snow fell quite heavily for an hour.
7. Lenny has an unusually powerful pitch.
8. The truck was moving rather slowly.
9. The music was exceptionally loud.
10. The assembly seemed somewhat long.
11. The audience is usually enthusiastic.
12. Joyce is often absent from practice.
13. The toddler grew curiously silent during dinner.
14. This orange tastes strangely bitter.
15. Despite the parade the horses appeared totally calm.

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Adverbs (Modifying Verbs, Adjectives, and Other Adverbs; Nouns Used as Adverbs) • Practice 1

Adverbs Modifying Verbs, Adjectives, and Other Adverbs An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. An adverb answers one of four questions about the word it modifies: *Where? When? In what manner? To what extent?*

Adverbs Modifying Verbs	
drove off (Where?)	stayed late (When?)
ran fast (In what manner?)	completely missed (To what extent?)
Adverbs Modifying Adjectives	Adverbs Modifying Adverbs
rather special (To what extent?)	not really happy (To what extent?)

Nouns used as adverbs answer the question *Where?* or *When?* about a verb.

Nouns	Adverbs
Today is my birthday.	The letter came <i>today</i> . (<i>Came when?</i>)
Their home is in Daytona.	David ran <i>home</i> . (<i>Ran where?</i>)

Exercise 1 **Recognizing Adverbs.** Underline each adverb in the sentences below. Then, circle the word the adverb modifies.

EXAMPLE: That family just recently moved.

- The snow melted quite rapidly last spring.
- Claire has become a surprisingly good pianist.
- That color suits you very well.
- Mr. Whitkin seems somewhat dissatisfied with this assignment.
- The careful attention to details insured a truly festive party.
- We completed our chores fairly early.
- I almost forgot what I wanted to ask you.
- Our new house is very nearly ready.
- The storm almost totally destroyed the railroad bridge.
- That is an exceptionally clever design.

Exercise 2 **Identifying Adverbs and Nouns Used as Adverbs.** Circle each noun used as an adverb. Underline all other adverbs.

EXAMPLE: The new play will open tomorrow.

- The Joneses were not happy with their seat assignments.
- What time did Danny come home?
- This position is becoming increasingly uncomfortable.
- Today will be a truly exciting day.
- Our team won the big game yesterday.
- Vinnie often works weekends.
- The movers will be available Friday.
- We were pleasantly surprised by their visit.
- Shall we go to a movie tonight?
- The silence grew somewhat awkward.

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Adverbs (Modifying Verbs, Adjectives, and Other Adverbs; Nouns Used as Adverbs) • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Recognizing Adverbs. Underline the adverb or adverbs in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: The otter swam very rapidly.

1. We will be leaving for the movie soon.
2. The starving refugees needed much more food.
3. Will you definitely move to Ohio?
4. Everyone thought the movie was too violent.
5. He frowned rather sternly at the boy's antics.
6. Our cat does not like cat food.
7. The multicolored balloons floated away.
8. Some students have nearly completed their papers.
9. Todd accepted the suggestion surprisingly quickly.
10. Sharon was remarkably indifferent.
11. The performance was surprisingly brief.
12. The runner put on a burst of speed at the very last moment.
13. The vet spoke kindly to the frightened cat.
14. In quite recent times, this area enjoyed great prosperity.
15. Although the woman spoke loudly, the child did not seem to hear.

Exercise 2 Recognizing Nouns Used as Adverbs. Underline the two adverbs in each sentence.

Then circle each noun used as an adverb.

EXAMPLE: Yesterday I took a very difficult test.

1. Evenings, my parents and grandparents would loudly discuss politics.
2. I was sent home because I had a very high fever.
3. Tuesday was an extremely bad day, but the things that happened Wednesday were worse.
4. You must definitely see a doctor today.
5. If you decide to visit tomorrow, please come early.
6. Saturdays, I usually babysit for my brother.
7. I did not see her yesterday.
8. I ran approximately two miles Friday.
9. She works days and attends school nights.
10. Winters are always dreadfully cold in that province.
11. Weekends, Todd likes to sleep late.
12. Weekdays, it is usually Jake's job to walk the dog.
13. We saw a remarkably good movie Tuesday.
14. Last winter, we stayed at the lake.
15. Summers, we always went to the beach.

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Adverbs (Adverb or Adjective?) • Practice 1

Adverb or Adjective? Remember that an *adverb* modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb; an *adjective* modifies a noun or pronoun.

Adjectives	Adverbs
That train is <u>fast</u> .	A plane goes <u>fast</u> .
The <u>fast</u> train arrived on time.	An SST travels even <u>faster</u> .
Jackie is a <u>true</u> friend.	Jackie is <u>truly</u> kind.
Our case was <u>hopeless</u> .	We were <u>hopelessly</u> lost.

Exercise 1 Distinguishing Between Adjectives and Adverbs. Write whether the underlined word in each sentence is an *adjective* or an *adverb*.

EXAMPLE: The dancer moved gracefully. adverb

- The child looked longingly through the bakery window. _____
- Kathy had always been an early riser. _____
- Why did you come so early? _____
- Kelly was the only person at home. _____
- The baby is only six weeks old. _____
- The accident could have been fatal. _____
- Happily no one was fatally injured. _____
- Josh swam farther out than the others. _____
- The cabin is on the farther shore. _____
- The neighbors became close friends. _____

Exercise 2 Adding Adverbs and Adjectives to Sentences. If an adjective is needed in a sentence below, write the word in parentheses. If an adverb is needed, add *-ly* to the given word.

EXAMPLE: The little girl curtsied gracefully. (graceful)

- Most of my friends exercise _____ (regular)
- This muscle feels _____ from moving all that furniture. (sore)
- We made a serious mistake, but an _____ one. (honest)
- The speaker considered her answer _____. (careful)
- We _____ go out to a movie on weekends. (frequent)
- Uncle John is a _____ dinner guest at our house. (regular)
- You can trust Ms. Franklin to answer your questions _____. (honest)
- Maria is usually a very _____ driver. (careful)
- When the trip was canceled, the children were _____ disappointed. (sore)
- Mr. O'Brien is a _____ visitor at our school. (frequent)

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Adverbs (Adverb or Adjective?) • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Distinguishing Between Adverbs and Adjectives. Identify each underlined word as an *adverb* or *adjective*.

EXAMPLE: His room was very neat. adjective

1. The mounted moose head looked real. _____
2. I really believed the weather forecast. _____
3. Bertram walks to the office daily. _____
4. Our office runs ads in the daily newspaper. _____
5. Matilda spoke darkly of her husband's past. _____
6. No light filtered into the dark cell. _____
7. Immigrants worked hard to build the railroads. _____
8. Sandstone is not a hard rock. _____
9. Zack is an early riser. _____
10. Mildred starts the day early and finishes late. _____
11. I will gladly finish the dishes. _____
12. We are glad to have you as a friend. _____
13. When his aunt died, he was suddenly rich. _____
14. The musketeer was richly dressed in velvet. _____
15. After scrubbing the floor, his hands were rough. _____

Writing Application Writing Sentences with Adverbs. Rewrite each sentence, adding one or more adverbs. Include at least one noun used as an adverb.

EXAMPLE: Kathleen entered the room.

Kathleen quietly entered the room.

1. Tony will go to the grocery store for us.

2. Barn swallows are helpful because they eat insects.

3. His poor posture made him seem shorter than he was.

4. The tired worker yawned and rubbed his eyes.

5. We were sad about the end of summer.

6. Many people think snails are delicious.

7. The boat docked and lowered its sails.

8. Their enthusiasm faded.

9. Night fell and the celebration began.

10. Can a helicopter rescue those men?
