
Adverbs

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1. What is an Adverb?

An adverb is a word that changes the meaning of an **adjective**, a **verb**, an other **adverb**, or any other type of word or phrase. It tells us more about the way, place, time or degree (e.g. *gently*, *here*, *now*, *very*) something is or happens.

2. Use of Adverbs

To modify **verbs**

- The man **walked slowly**.

To modify **adjectives**

- She looks **absolutely fantastic**!

To modify **adverbs**

- She played the piano **extremely well**.

To modify quantities

- That is **quite a lot of** money.

To modify sentences

Unfortunately, the train has been cancelled.

3. Forming Adverbs

We normally form an adverb by adding -ly to the end of an adjective.

adjective	adverb
late	late ly
careful	careful ly
right	right ly

Irregular forms:

adjective	adverb
good	well
fast	fast
hard	hard

3.1 Spelling Rules

If the adjective ends in -y, change -y to -i. Then add -ly:

adjective	adverb
easy	easy ly
happy	happy ly

but:

- shy – shy**ly**

If the adjective ends in -le, the adverb ends in -ly:

adjective	adverb
horrible	horrib ly
terrible	terrib ly

If the adjective ends in -e, then add -ly:

adjective	adverb
safe	saf ly
rude	rud ly

but:

adjective	adverb
true	truly
due	duly
whole	wholly

If the adjective ends in -ic, then add -ally

adjective	adverb
tragic	tragically
basic	basically
enthusiastic	enthusiastically

? Some adjectives end in -ly :

- friendly, lonely, lovely, silly, ugly

There is no adverb for an adjective ending in -ly. (~~friendly~~ etc.,)

4. Types of adverbs

4.1. Adverbs of degree

- very
- rather

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4.2. Adverbs of frequency

- often
- sometimes

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4.3. Adverbs of manner

- quickly
- kindly

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4.4 Adverbs of place

- here
- nowhere

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4.5. Adverbs of time

- now
- today

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Exercises

- Conditional sentences – Complex Test
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