

Adverbs

Warm-Up



What is an Adverb?

An adverb is something that tells you where, why or how something is done. For example:

Camilla crossed the road **safely**.



Saffie's horse **bravely** jumped over the hurdle.



The Moroccan man rode his camel **everywhere**.



Many adverbs end in -ly but **not all of them**. Similarly, not all words which end in -ly are adverbs.

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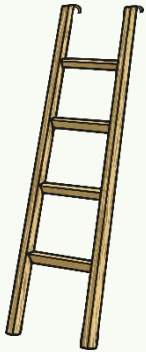
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Spot the Adverbs

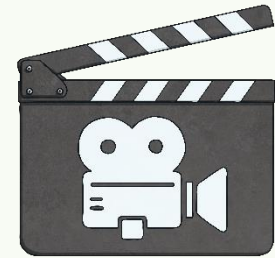
Read the sentences below and look at the adverb that says how, why or when the verb was done.

Did you notice that not all of the adverbs ended in -ly?



Make sure you climb the ladder **safely**.

Let's go to the cinema **today**.



Usually my parcels arrive on time.

She looked at her friend **cautiously**.



Add an Adverb

Read the sentences below and add an adverb to say how, why or where the action in the sentence was being done.

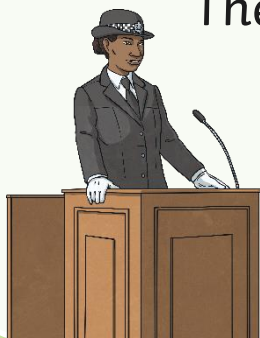
The fox ran _____ beneath the bushes.



Milly _____ did her work.



The police officer _____ gave evidence in court.



Keisha said thank you _____.



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The great thing about using adverbs is that there are lots of different ways to describe actions to make your writing interesting.

Here are some suggestions:

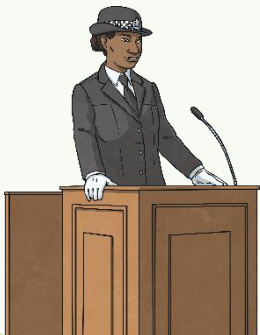
The fox ran timidly beneath the bushes.



Milly carefully did her work.



The police officer confidently gave evidence in court.



Keisha said thank you reluctantly.

Which adverbs did you choose? Does selecting different adverbs change the whole meaning of a sentence?



Adverb Detectives

Read the following passage of text. How many adverbs can you spot?

In the summer holidays, Michael was happily painting a picture when his Mum asked him if he could quickly go to the shop. She wanted him to go now as she needed him to go quickly because she needed some more milk immediately. Michael cheerfully agreed because he goes to the shop regularly and enjoys riding his bike safely to get there. Michael soon set off to the shop. He was constantly checking for cars and never stopping for a break. He merrily bought the milk and enthusiastically paid the shopkeeper. Sneakily, he bought a chocolate bar to hungrily munch on his way home. He got the chocolate everywhere.



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Were you right?

In the summer holidays, Michael was **happily** painting a picture when his Mum asked him if he could **quickly** go to the shop. She wanted him to go **now** as she needed him to go **quickly** because she needed some more milk **immediately**. Michael **cheerfully** agreed because he goes to the shop **regularly** and enjoys riding his bike **safely** to get **there**. Michael **soon** set off to the shop. He was **constantly** checking for cars and **never** stopping for a break. He **merrily** bought the milk and **enthusiastically** paid the shopkeeper. **Sneakily**, he bought a chocolate bar to **hungrily** munch on his way home. He got the chocolate **everywhere**.

Could you change the adverbs to give some of the sentences a different meaning?

