

Adverbs

Adverbs mostly modify verbs, giving more information about an action.

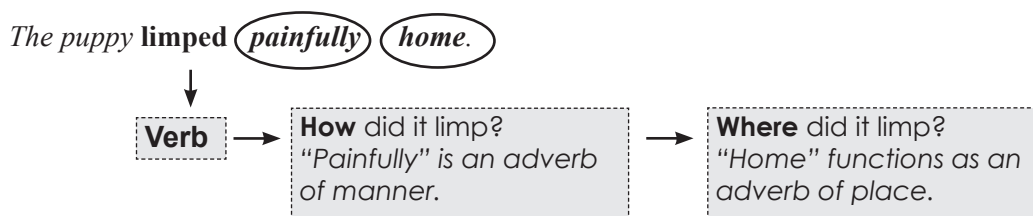
An **adverb** is used with a verb to explain:

- ◆ how? (manner): The girl ran *quickly*.
- ◆ when? (time): They wanted to go *today*.
- ◆ where? (place): She searched *everywhere*.
- ◆ why? (reason): *Therefore*, we left.

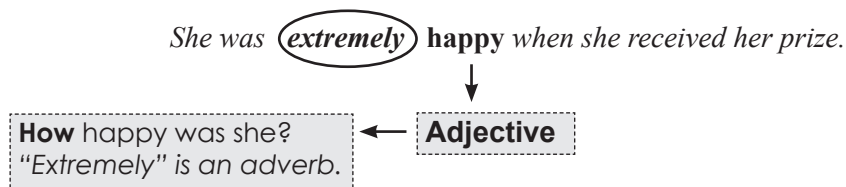


“Ad-verbs are easy. You just add the verbs together.”

→ To find the adverb, look for the verb and ask yourself the questions directly after the verb.



→ Adverbs may also describe adjectives, usually making them more or less intense. Such adverbs answer the questions: “to what extent?” or “in what degree?”



Exercise 29

Underline the adverb. Is it an adverb of time, place or manner?

1. She ran hurriedly to school.
2. They're staying with us now.
3. We come to Sydney often.
4. She cried shamefully.
5. Nowadays cyberbullying is relentless.
6. I hope it does not rain tonight.
7. We played tennis outside.
8. It always rains heavily in spring.
9. We played mischievously in the park.
10. It's back to school tomorrow!

manner

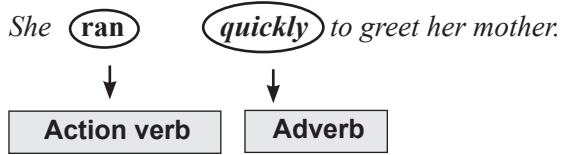


Link to clear writing

Remember the difference between action and link verbs?

Action verbs express an action, while link verbs refer to a particular sense. They “link” the subject to the predicate. (See pp. 14-15.) Here’s another tip: action verbs can only be modified by an adverb — not an adjective.

Action verbs must be followed or modified by an *adverb*.



X My brother walks *strange*.
 Wendy writes *careful*.
 Sue talks *soft*.



My brother walks *strangely*.
 Wendy writes *carefully*.
 Sue talks *softly*.

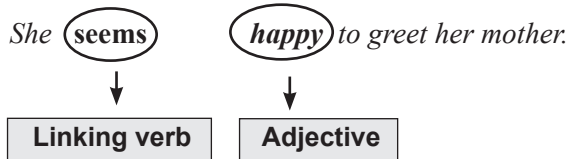


➔ Refer to the action verbs in the table on page 16. Write a paragraph about something that surprised you. Use adverbs to modify these verbs.



Unlike action verbs, linking verbs can be modified by an adjective. (See p. 15.)

Being or linking verbs may be modified by an *adjective*.



➔ Write a paragraph using link verbs and adjectives.

Exercise 33

Underline the action or link verb and rewrite the sentence correctly.

My brother talks loud on the phone when he is talking to his grandmother, but soft when he is talking to his girlfriend. He talks very brash when he is talking to his mates and lowers his voice whenever anyone comes bold into the room.

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It seems strangely that the year has almost passed and yet it is nicely to know that we'll be celebrating the festive season again. During these times she always appears happily to greet her relatives, but during the rest of the year she is carefully to avoid them. She doesn't want to tell anybody at the moment that she studies diligent so as to achieve good marks.

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