

Grammar: Adverbs

An adverb is a word that describes a verb. It tells you about an action, or the way something is done. Many adverbs are made by adding-ly to adjectives. Examples:

The dog is barking **fiercely**.
Alice skated **beautifully**.
It is raining **heavily**.

The soldiers fought **bravely**.
The old man walked **slowly**.

Adjective	Adverb	Adjective	Adverb
beautiful	beautifully	bright	brightly
happy	happily	loud	loudly
slow	slowly	quick	quickly
clear	clearly	safe	safely

Some **adverbs** describe the way something is done. they are called **adverbs of manner**.
Examples:

The driver braked **suddenly**.
The dog jumped **playfully**.
Please write **legibly**.

Please speak **clearly**.
Mickey is behaving **selfishly**.

Some adverbs describe when something happens. They are called adverbs of time. Examples:
Paul has **just** arrived.

Lisa is **always** cheerful.
She **often** swims in the evening.
Everyone arrived **late** to the meeting.
Mrs. Smith arrived **early** to school.
It's snowing **again**.

The mother bird started to build her nest **yesterday**.
She is continuing to build it **today**.
She will finish it **tomorrow**.

*Based on how it's being used: **today**, **yesterday** and **tomorrow** can also be used as nouns.

Exercise #1: For each adjective, be able to use it in a sentence as an adjective and be able to identify the noun. Then rewrite the following adjectives as adverbs on the line.

1. slow_____
2. beautiful _____
3. strong_____
4. soft_____
5. wise_____
6. quiet_____
7. busy_____

Exercise #2: Underline the adverbs in the following sentences.

8. The man shouted loudly.
9. He arrived early.
10. The train has already left.
11. The students talked noisily.
12. Let's go now.
13. Tom spoke politely to his teacher.