

ADVERBS

Adverbs are one of the four major word classes, along with nouns, verbs and adjectives. We use adverbs to add more information about a verb, an adjective, another adverb, a clause or a whole sentence and, less commonly, about a noun phrase.

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- **An adverb is a word/a set of words that modifies verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs.**
- **It tells when, where, and how an action is performed or indicates the quality or degree of the action.**
- **Many adverbs end in -ly but some words which end in -ly (such as friendly) are not adverbs.**
- **Many words can be both adverbs and adjectives according to their activity in the sentence.**



TYPES OF ADVERBS

ENGLISH GRAMMAR

Adverbs are words that are used in sentences to describe or change the meaning of a Verb or Adjective or even another Adverb.



ADVERB OF TIME	ADVERB OF PLACE	ADVERB OF MANNER	ADVERBS OF DEGREE
<p>Once, Never, Tomorrow, Daily, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She will visit the hospital tomorrow. • The results were announced yesterday. 	<p>Anywhere, Somewhere, Near, Far, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will meet you there. • In spring, flowers bloom everywhere. 	<p>Honestly, Joyfully, Cunningly, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He quietly slipped away. • She works fast. 	<p>Fully, Partially, Altogether, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She almost finished the work. • They were completely surprised by the windfall.
ADVERB OF FREQUENCY	ADVERBS OF COMMENT	ADVERBS OF CONJUNCTION	ADVERBS OF CONFIRMATION AND NEGATION
<p>Frequently, Often, Yearly, Briefly, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He likes to watch TV every day. • They meet every week. 	<p>Unfortunately, Luckily, Happily, Honestly, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luckily, the dog did not bite the children. • Happily, the power returned before the big match. 	<p>However, Consequently, Moreover, Conversely, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However you look at it, it's still a mess. • He enjoys selling and, moreover, is good at it. 	<p>Definitely, Absolutely, Surely, Never, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They will certainly like this vase. • He never leaves his house.

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1. Adverbs of manner

quickly, kindly

2. Adverbs of degree

Very, rather

3. Adverbs of frequency

Often, sometimes

4. Adverbs of time

Now, today

5. Adverbs of place

Here, nowhere

USE OF ADVERBS

1. to modify verbs

The handball team played badly last Saturday.

2. to modify adjectives

It was an extremely bad match.

3. to modify adverbs

The handball team played extremely badly last Wednesday.

4. to modify quantities

There are quite a lot of people here.

5. to modify sentences

Unfortunately, the flight to Dallas had been cancelled.

PLACEMENT OF ADVERBS

Place adverbs as close as possible to the words they are supposed to modify. Putting the adverb in the wrong spot can produce an awkward sentence at best and completely change the meaning at worst. Be especially careful about the word *only*, which is one of the most often misplaced modifiers. Consider the difference between these two sentences:

Phillip only fed the cat.

Phillip fed only the cat.

The first sentence means that all Phillip did was feed the cat. He didn't pet the cat or pick it up or anything else. The second sentence means that Phillip fed the cat, but he didn't feed the dog, the bird, or anyone else who might have been around.

Word Order: English Adverbs

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Verb

She runs
He works
They nap
The dog waits

Manner

quickly
tiredly
quietly
impatiently

Place

outside
in his office
at home
by the door

Frequency

every evening
one afternoon
every morning
every day

Time




before dinner
on Tuesday
at 8:00
at 5 p.m.

Purpose

for exercise.
to make money.
because they're tired.
to see Tom.

6 TYPES OF ADVERBS



TYPES	ADVERBS	EXAMPLES
Adverbs of Time	Already, ago, before, yet, never, yesterday, soon, lately...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have heard this before. I have not seen him since. I haven't spoken to her yet. She'll be here soon. 
Adverb of Frequency	Always, usually, normally, often, sometimes, occasionally, once...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's always cold in this room. I normally go to the gym. They often go out for dinner. I occasionally eat junk food. 
Adverb of Place	Here, everywhere, near, nearby, down, away, backwards, upwards...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is that your scarf there? I've lived here for about two years. I walked backwards towards the door. She turned her face upwards to the sun.
Adverb of Manner	So, slowly, badly, beautifully, delightfully, loudly...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The soldiers fought bravely. Is that so? She dresses beautifully. We waited anxiously by the phone.
Adverb of Degree	Almost, fully, rather, quite, too, enough, perfectly...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am fully prepared. I am rather busy. She's almost 30. They're perfectly suited. 
Adverb of Affirmation	Certainly, surely, apparently, obviously, no, undoubtedly...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surely you are mistaken. Apparently, it's going to rain today. The design certainly looks good on paper.

EXERCISE

Identify the adverb in each of the following sentences.

(i) They spoke loudly.

(ii) I am highly impressed with her presentation.

(iii) She looked quite nervous.

(iv) Radha works diligently in order to get promoted.

(v) Fox is often believed to be cunning animal.

(vi) Barking dogs seldom bite.

(vii) Earlier, they used to travel in their car.

(viii) The birds were chirping merrily.

(ix) I sometimes go for a walk in the park.

(x) He never came to my place to visit me.



THANK YOU

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