

ENGLISH · Y2-Y5

# Adverbs

Words that describe verbs

## What is an adverb?

An adverb describes a VERB. It tells us HOW, WHEN, WHERE or HOW OFTEN an action happens. Many adverbs end in -ly: quickly, sadly, brightly. Examples: She ran QUICKLY. He WHISPERED softly. We arrived YESTERDAY. They wait HERE. Adverbs can also describe adjectives or other adverbs: 'really tall', 'very quietly'.

## Types of adverbs

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### Adverbs of manner

How something is done — quickly, slowly, carefully, badly, well

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### Adverbs of time

When something happens — yesterday, soon, now, later, often

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### Adverbs of place

Where something happens — here, there, outside, upstairs, everywhere

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### Adverbs of frequency

How often — always, never, sometimes, usually, rarely

## Set 1: Find the adverb

1. The cat purred softly.
2. She quickly closed the door.
3. We arrived early at the cinema.



4. 4. He always brushes his teeth.
5. 5. The children played outside.
6. 6. She rarely eats vegetables.
7. 7. They walked slowly up the hill.
8. 8. The runner finished triumphantly.
9. 9. We must leave now.
10. 10. The bird sang loudly.

## Set 2: Add an adverb

1. 1. The teacher spoke \_\_\_\_.
2. 2. We waited \_\_\_\_ for the bus.
3. 3. She tied her shoelaces \_\_\_\_.
4. 4. The stars twinkled \_\_\_\_.
5. 5. He apologised \_\_\_\_.
6. 6. The car drove \_\_\_\_ down the road.
7. 7. They cheered \_\_\_\_ when their team scored.
8. 8. The librarian whispered \_\_\_\_.

## Answer key

Set 1: 1. softly 2. quickly 3. early 4. always 5. outside 6. rarely 7. slowly 8. triumphantly 9. now 10. loudly

Set 2: Open answers. Accept any sensible adverb (loudly, patiently, carefully, brightly, sincerely, quickly, loudly, quietly, etc.)

