

## ADVERBS

### Adverb

This is a word that is used to modify (describe) or qualify an adjective, a verb or verbal, or another adverb. Adverbs answer these questions: Where? When? Why? How? To what degree? Under what conditions?

#### Examples:

- a. Joel tugged *firmly* on the rope. [Tugged how?]
- b. Put the stack of books *there*. [Put where?]

### An adverb can also modify an **adjective**.

#### Examples:

- a. Lola was **extremely** generous. [How generous was she?]
- b. Her boyfriend is **intensely** jealous. [How jealous is he?]

### An adverb can modify another **adverb**.

#### Examples:

- a. He responded *extremely enthusiastically*. [How did he respond?]
- b. Judith dresses *so elegantly*.

### Other adverb uses:

#### Modify an **entire sentence**:

**Example:** *Truthfully*, I do not agree with your statement.

#### Modify a **prepositional phrase**:

**Example:** Jacob searched *frantically* inside the house.

## Types of Adverbs:

Adverbs tell **how** something was done. They make up the largest group of adverbs. Most of them are made by adding –ly to the corresponding adjective.

Adverbs tell **where something is** or **where something happened**. They sometimes have common suffixes (endings) such as –wards or –ward (backwards, upwards, forwards, etc.) or –where (everywhere, nowhere, somewhere, etc.)

Adverbs tell **when something happened**. They can be *definite* such as now, today, or tomorrow, or *indefinite* such as eventually, finally, before. Adverbs also tell **how often** something is done. There are adverbs of **definite frequency** (daily, hourly, and monthly) and adverbs of **indefinite frequency** (always, often, and rarely).

## List of Common Adverbs

Most adverbs are made by adding –ly to the adjective form of the word. This is a list of 130 common single word adverbs. Those that do not end in –ly are shown in bold.

accidentally	faithfully	lazily	sadly
angrily	<b>fast</b>	loosely	safely
anxiously	fatally	loudly	selfishly
awkwardly	fiercely		sensibly
	fondly	madly	seriously
badly	foolishly	mortally	sharply
beautifully	fortunately	mysteriously	shyly
blindly	frankly		silently
boldly	frantically	neatly	sleepily
bravely		nervously	slowly
brightly	generously	noisily	smoothly
busily	gently		<b>so</b>
	gladly	obediently	softly
calmly	gracefully	openly	solemnly
carefully	greedily		speedily
carelessly		painfully	stealthily
cautiously	happily	perfectly	sternly
cheerfully	<b>hard</b>	politely	<b>straight</b>
clearly	hastily	poorly	stupidly
closely	healthily	powerfully	successfully
correctly	honestly	promptly	suddenly
courageously	hungrily	punctually	suspiciously
cruelly	hurriedly		swiftly
		quickly	
daringly	inadequately	quietly	tenderly
deliberately	ingeniously	rapidly	tensely

doubtfully eagerly easily elegantly enormously enthusiastically equally eventually exactly	innocently inquisitively irritably  joyously justify  kindly	rarely really recklessly regularly reluctantly repeatedly rightfully roughly rudely	thoughtfully tightly truthfully  unexpectedly victoriously violently vivaciously  warmly weakly wearily <b>well</b> wildly wisely
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### Adverbs of Time

**Definite** points of time:

now tonight	then yesterday	today	tomorrow
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**Indefinite** points of time:

already before early earlier eventually	finally first formerly just	last late later lately next	previously recently since soon still yet
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### Adverbs of Frequency

**Definite:**

annually daily	fortnightly hourly	monthly nightly	quarterly weekly yearly
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**Indefinite:**

always constantly ever frequently	generally infrequently never normally	occasionally often rarely regularly	regularly seldom sometimes usually
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## Adverbs of Place

(some of these are also used as prepositions)

about above abroad anywhere away  back backward backwards behind below	down downstairs  east (etc.) elsewhere  far  here	in indoors inside  near nearby  off on out outside over	there towards  under up upstairs  where
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## Adverbs of Degree (informal)

almost absolutely awfully  badly* barely  completely  decidedly deeply enough enormously entirely extremely	fairly far fully  greatly hardly highly how incredibly indeed intensely  just least less little lots	most much  nearly  perfectly positively practically pretty* purely  quite  rather really	scarcely simply so somewhat strongly  terribly* thoroughly too totally  utterly very virtually well
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