ADVERBS

ADVERBS OF MANNER AND TIME



Adverb

An adverb tells us something more about a verb.

- It describes the verb and answers questions about the verb.

Example: Neeli, Peeli and Lali flew (verb) comfortably (adverb) with their wide wings.

Q. How did they fly?

Ans. They flew comfortably.

Thus, comfortably is an adverb.

Example: The three butterflies will start (verb) their journey tomorrow (adverb).

Q. When will they start their journey?

Ans. They will start tomorrow.

Thus, tomorrow is an adverb.

Adverbs of Manner

An adverb of manner tells us *how* an action is done.

- It answers the **‘how’** question about a verb.
- It mostly ends in *-ly*.

Example: She sang (verb) sweetly (adverb).

Q. How did she ‘sing’?

Ans. She ‘sang’ sweetly.

Sweetly tells us how the girl sang, so it is an adverb of manner.

Example: The students sat (verb) quietly (adverb).

Q. How were the students ‘sitting’?

Ans. They ‘sat’ quietly.



Adverbs of Time

An adverb of time tells us the time or duration of an action.

- It answers the ‘when’ question about a verb.

Example: She will come (verb) tomorrow (adverb).

Q. When will she ‘come’?

Ans. She will ‘come’ tomorrow.

Tomorrow tells us about the time, so it is an adverb of time.

Example: Our exams started (verb) a week ago (adverb).

Q. When did your exams ‘start’?

Ans. It ‘started’ a week ago.

Thus, a week ago tells us the time the exams started.



Try and Learn

Fill in the blanks with suitable adverbs according to the instructions in the brackets.

1. Zubin is driving _____ (Adverb of Manner)
2. I shall meet you _____ .(Adverb of Time)
3. We went for a walk this _____ .(Adverb of Time)
4. Sheila walked very _____.(Adverb of Manner)
5. The Indian team played _____ .(Adverb of Manner)
6. The boys fared _____. (Adverb of Manner)
7. We eat dinner at _____.(Adverb of Time)

