Adverbs



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An adverb is a word that adds meaning to a verb, an adjective or another adverb.

It answers questions about a verb, an adjective or another adverb.

Examples:

Meeta sings beautifully.

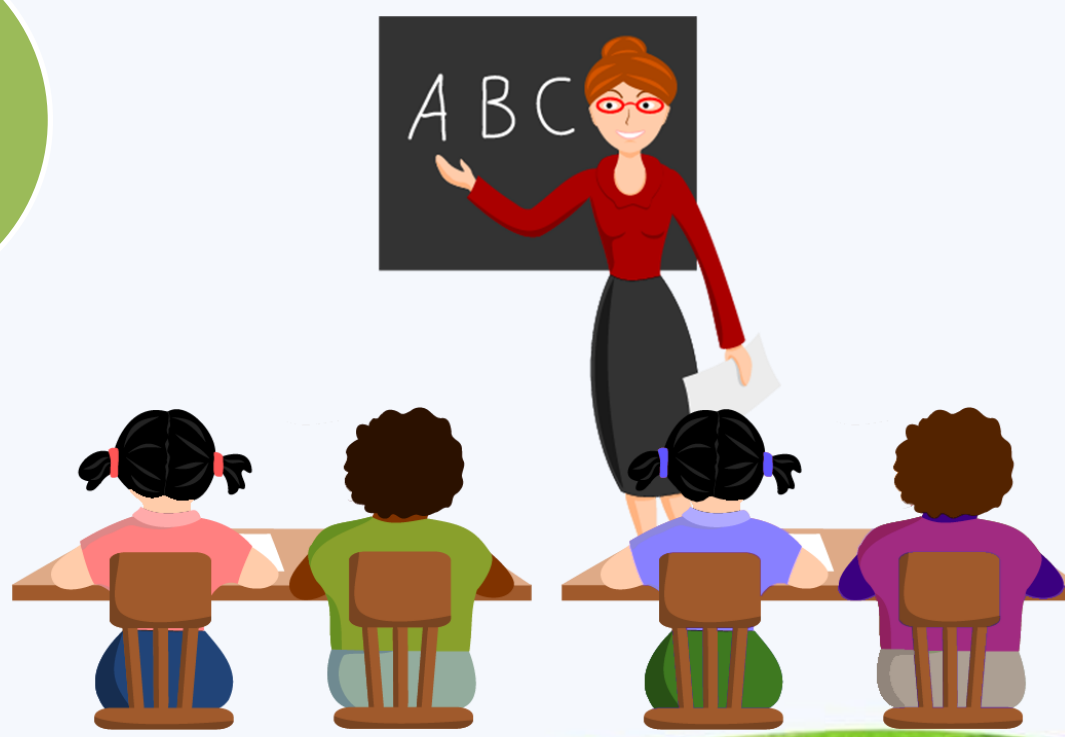
He rode the bike with great difficulty.

Note the way the highlighted words are used in these sentences.



Types of Adverbs

- Adverb of Manner
- Adverb of Place
- Adverb of Time
- Adverb of Frequency
- Adverb of Degree



Adverb of Manner

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

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

Examples:

She sang sweetly.

verb adverb

sang - how? - sweetly

Thus, ‘sweetly’ adds meaning to the verb ‘sang’ and is an adverb of manner.

The students sat quietly.

verb adverb

sat – how? – quietly

Here, ‘quietly’ adds meaning to the verb ‘sat’.



Adverb of Place

An **adverb of place** tells us where an action takes place. It answers the question, ‘where’ about the verb.

Examples:

- Please sit here. (sit where?- here)
- We can’t go outside if it is raining. (go where? - outside)



Adverb of Time

An **adverb of time** tells us when an action is done. It answers the question, 'when' about the verb.

Examples:

She will arrive tomorrow.

verb adverb

will arrive - when? - tomorrow

Thus, 'tomorrow' conveys when the action of 'arriving' will take place, and it is an adverb of time.

Our exams started a week ago.

verb adverb

started - when? - a week ago

Thus, 'a week ago' tells us when the exams started, and it is an adverb of time.

Adverb of Frequency

An **adverb of frequency** tells us how often or regularly an action takes place. It answers the question ‘how frequently’ about the verb.

Examples:

- The students always enjoy P.E. classes.
  (How frequently? - always)

- We go on a vacation every year.
  (How many times? - every year)



Adverb of Degree

An **adverb of degree** tells us the degree or intensity of something.

It answers the question, ‘how much’ about the verb. It can be placed before an adjective, a verb, or another adverb.

Examples:

Winter in Switzerland is extremely cold.

(How cold? - extremely)

He has almost finished the race.

(Is it finished? - almost)



Exercise

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1. I went to the beach _____.
2. The movie is _____ interesting.
3. The woman looked _____for the ring.
4. The tortoise walked very _____.
5. They _____ go for a walk in the evening.

