

Adverbs

Teaching

Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs. They answer the questions *where, when, how, and to what extent*. Adverbs are often formed by adding *-ly* to an adjective.

go there left late speak softly nearly complete

An **intensifier** is an adverb that defines the degree of an adjective or another adverb. Intensifiers always precede the adjectives or adverbs they modify.

really easy too tightly

Finding Adverbs

Underline all the adverbs in the following sentences.

1. One is never too old for a day at the zoo.
2. You must breathe more deeply at this altitude.
3. My ears and nose became quite cold as we waited for the bus.
4. As the balloon soared higher, we gripped the supports tightly with our hands.
5. Brad began to draft his report on T. S. Eliot immediately after supper.
6. The dispatcher gave directions clearly but swiftly to the rescue squad.
7. Patiently, Adam shelled the peas.
8. The tree trunks still smoldered long after the forest fire.
9. The ship sailed smoothly into the harbor.
10. Fun, food, and football go together.
11. The president vetoed the tax bill recently.
12. Emergency doctors quickly surrounded the incoming patient.
13. We sometimes wait for 20 minutes for this bus.
14. Drive straight down this road for a mile, and then turn right at the light.
15. The children tried hard to please their mother on her birthday.
16. My neighbor absolutely adores her cats.
17. Put the new bookcase there, please.
18. It rained heavily for most of the night.
19. This author writes exceptionally gripping novels.
20. He is surprisingly graceful for a heavy man.
21. Tomorrow the painters begin work on our house.
22. On a really quiet night, you can hear a train whistle far in the distance.
23. I still miss the friends that I left behind at my old school.
24. Many doctors say that bungee jumping is an unnecessarily dangerous sport.
25. Can you believe that the plane actually arrived early?