

# What Are Adverbs?

An adverb is a word that modifies (describes) a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

## Examples:

- She sings sweetly.  
(Here, *sweetly* is the adverb that modifies the verb *sings*)
- She sings extremely sweet.  
(Here, the adverb *extremely* modifies the adjective *sweet*.)
- She sings extremely sweetly.  
(Here, the adverb *extremely* modifies the adverb *sweetly*.)

When an adverb modifies the verb, it generally answers the questions How, When, Where, How often, and How much.

Most adverbs end in “-ly”. However, some of them do not end in “-ly”.

## Examples:

*fast, never, well, very, most, least, more, less, now, far, there, etc.*

## Adverbs are categorized as follows:

### Adverbs of Manner (how)

Examples of adverbs of manner:

- *beautifully*
- *generously*
- *happily*
- *neatly*
- *patiently*
- *softly*
- *quickly*
- *Well*
- *Nicely*

### These adverbs answer the question “how?”

Examples:

1. *She wrote the poem nicely.*
2. *They walked quickly to catch the train.*

### Adverbs of Time (when)

Here are a few examples of adverbs of time:

- *annually*
- *daily*
- *monthly*
- *recently*
- *tomorrow*
- *weekly*
- *yearly*
- *yesterday*

These adverbs answer the question “**when?**”

Examples:

1. *This boy comes to the park daily.*
2. *We went to the park yesterday.*

### Adverbs of frequency (how often)

Here are a few examples of adverbs of frequency:

- *again*
- *always*
- *never*
- *normally*
- *rarely*
- *seldom*
- *sometimes*
- *usually*

An adverb of frequency tells us how often an action occurs or occurred or will occur.

Examples:

1. *He rang the bell thrice.*
2. *He seldom visits the church.*

### Adverbs of degree (how much)

Here are a few examples of adverbs of degree:

- *almost*
- *enough*
- *hardly*
- *just*
- *nearly*
- *quite*
- *simply*
- *so*
- *too*

These adverbs describe the extent or degree to which something happens.

Examples:

1. *Mia was very tired.*
2. *The food is almost cooked.*

### Adverb of place (Where)

Here are a few examples of adverbs of place:

- above
- below
- everywhere
- here
- in
- inside
- into
- nowhere
- out
- outside
- there

**These adverbs tell us where the action took place**

Examples:

1. *The fire created a mess everywhere.*
2. *She is waiting there.*

### Interrogative adverbs

Here are a few examples of interrogative verbs:

- Where
- Why
- How
- When

**These adverbs are used for asking questions.**

Examples:

1. *How often do you visit them?*
2. *When did you do this?*

**In the given sentences, identify and circle the adverbs and mention the type of adverb in the given space.**

1. He went to market yesterday.

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2. I usually have milk and cereals for breakfast.

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3. Is that your scarf there?

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4. He hurriedly walked towards the door.

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5. I hardly watch TV.

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6. Could you please speak slowly?

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7. She will be here soon.

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8. We waited anxiously by the phone.

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9. She's almost 30.

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10. The newspaper comes daily.

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11. He is arriving today.

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12. Teachers' day is celebrated annually.

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13. When did Dia come?

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14. Where did she go?

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15. They're perfectly suited.

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