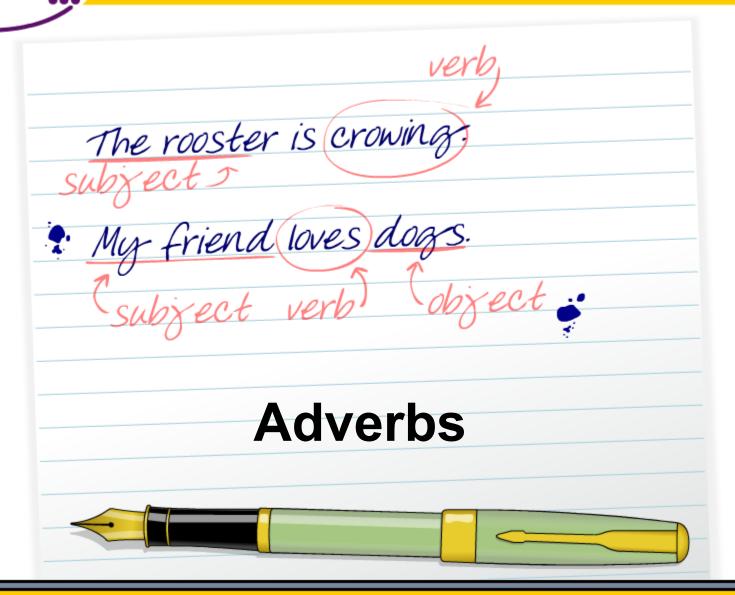


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What are adverbs?



Do you know what an adverb is?

Move through the animation to
find out about adverbs!

Press **start** to begin.

start



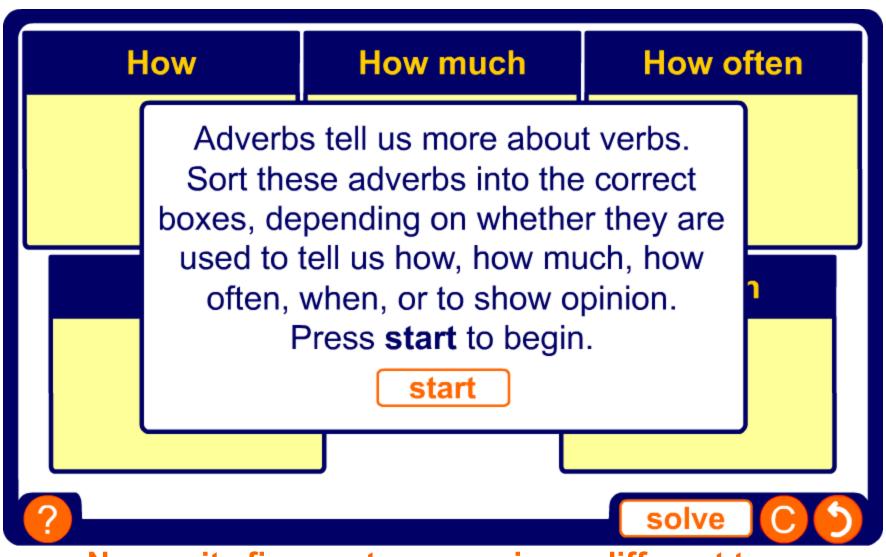






Types of adverbs





Now write five sentences using a different type of adverb in each one.



Modifying adjectives and adverbs



Adverbs are also used to add more information to adjectives and other adverbs.

Modifying a verb



Rashid walked **slowly**.

I can run quickly.

Listen carefully!

Kristy was **really** clever.

That's **simply** amazing!



Modifying an adverb



Modifying an adjective

Rashid walked so slowly.

The bus will arrive **really** soon.

Very politely, she smiled.

Write two sentences using adverbs to add information to an adjective and another adverb.



Modifying adjectives and other adverbs



Adverbs can make the meaning of adjectives and other adverbs stronger or weaker. Experiment with using different adverbs in these sentences to see how their meanings change. salty. These fries are |-My math teacher is strict. I can sing |well. The athlete ran |fast. Danny's mother yelled at him |angrily when he got expelled.





Forming adverbs



The majority of adverbs are easy to identify because they end in the suffix 'ly'.

timidly quickly smoothly

menacingly
slowly

softly boldly

What do you notice about the root words of the adverbs?

They are all adjectives!





mischievously

Forming adverbs



Most adverbs are formed by adding 'ly' to an adjective.

There are a few rules to follow, depending on the ending of the adjective.

adjective ending in	add/change to	example
le/e	ly	possible – possibly
у	ily	lazy – lazily
ic	ally	ironic – ironically

Can you change these adjectives into adverbs?

happy

enviable

easy

definite

angry

chronic





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Adverbs that do not end in 'ly'



There are, however, many adverbs that do not end in 'ly'.

Most adverbs that tell us about 'when', do not end in 'ly'. For example:

now

soon

yesterday

today

after

tomorrow

now

later

These adverbs are called 'irregular' adverbs. We do not form these adverbs by adding letters to adjectives.



Can you think of any more irregular adverbs?



sometimes

very

well

fast

maybe

often



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Comparative adverbs



The comparative and superlative forms of most adverbs are pretty straightforward.

For adverbs that end in 'ly', simply add the word 'more' or 'most' before the adverb.

more quietly The comparative form.

The superlative form.

Some adverbs have irregular comparative forms.

Britney sings well. The base form.

Rihanna sings better The comparative form.

Christina sings best. The superlative form.



Do you know what we would add to make *negative* comparative forms of adverbs?

Spotting adverbs



Can you identify all the adverbs in the text below?



Soccer last night was really cool -I scored three goals pretty easily and I nearly scored a fourth. I played so well that the coach said if I actually practiced more often, I could be one of the very best! I absolutely love playing soccer, even though I nearly broke my arm once. It turned out to only be a sprain, but it still hurt. Maybe I'll play professionally eventually.

solve





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