

## INTRODUCING ADVERBS

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Adverbs are words we use to describe verbs, adjectives and other adverbs. We're starting with adverbs that describe verbs, and specifically those that describe how an action is performed. These adverbs often end in 'ly'... but not always.

Examples of **ADVERBS** that describe how an action is performed include words like smoothly, closely, cheerfully, ferociously, selfishly, loosely, truly, slowly and fast.

### >> Circle the adverbs in each sentence.

1. The driver shouted angrily.

> **TIP** to find the adverb ask: how did the driver shout?

2. They strolled happily.

> **TIP** to find the adverb ask: how did they stroll?

3. Annabelle spoke well.

> **TIP** to find the adverb ask: how did Annabelle speak?

4. The tree is growing crookedly.

5. Ben \_\_\_\_\_ nervously.

> Circle the adverb, then add a verb that could fit in this sentence.

6. It chewed loudly.

7. The gazelles and giraffes galloped majestically.

8. Our cats \_\_\_\_\_ fiercely.

> Circle the adverb, then add a verb that could fit in this sentence.

9. The strawberries barely grew.

10. The thunder roared and rumbled mightily.

**LEARN MORE** Adverbs can often be placed in different parts of the sentence, depending on your preference. This can sometimes make them hard to find.

**>> Underline the adverb, then draw an arrow to the verb it is describing.**

11. Gracefully, Felicia and Olivier waltzed.

12. Sadly, I failed the geography test.

13. I sauntered casually.

14. The crow abruptly squawked.

15. The faucet was constantly dripping.

16. The restaurant loudly called our name.

17. The wind blew powerfully and relentlessly. (2)

18. Suddenly, the clock stopped.

19. Wisely, we returned home.

20. The mice laughed mischievously.

21. The alarm blared.

**KNOW THIS** In your writing, sometimes you'll use a verb with an adverb that describes the verb. And sometimes you'll use just a verb that captures the action all on its own. You have choices!

**>> EITHER replace the underlined adverb + verb with a specific verb OR replace the underlined verb with an adverb + verb. Write your answer beside the sentence.**

22. Katherine jumped high.

23. The roach scampered across the counter.

24. The rain softly fell as we walked.

25. The instructor yelled at the misbehaving students.

26. Tyra drank her water fast.

27. The garbage stank.

28. She studied hard for the test.