

# Adverbs

L.O. To identify and use adverbs.

## Direct Instruction:

An **adverb** is a **word that describes a verb** (a verb is an action, a state or an occurrence). They can tell us how, when, how often, where or how much something is done, so we group adverbs into categories according to this, as you can see in the chart below:



Adverbs				
How?	When?	How often?	Where?	How much?
angrily	afterwards	always	above	almost
anxiously	again	annually	around	completely
cautiously	before	constantly	away	entirely
cheerfully	beforehand	daily	below	little
courageously	early	hourly	down	much
crossly	lately	monthly	downstairs	rather
cruelly	never	never	everywhere	totally
defiantly	now	occasionally	here	very
doubtfully	often	often	inside	
elegantly	punctually	once	outside	<b>More useful adverbs</b>
enthusiastically	recently	regularly	there	additionally
foolishly	soon	repeatedly	up	fittingly
frantically	then	sometimes	upstairs	insufficiently
gently	today	usually	wherever	appropriately
gladly	tomorrow	yearly		hence
gracefully	yesterday			suitably
happily				consequently
				however
				therefore

We're going to start by looking at adverbs which describe **how something is done** (so don't worry about any of the other columns in the chart just yet). Many adverbs end in the suffix **-ly** as you can see, but not all do.

For example, if we look at the sentence:

The **boy** **played** in park.

First, we must identify the subject and verb (the subject is the person doing the action). The **boy** is the subject and **played** is the verb. We can give more information about the verb by adding an adverb to the sentence. If the boy was happy, we could use the adverb **happily** to tell us more about how the action is being done:

The **boy** **played** **happily** in the park.

### Guided Practice:

What other adverbs could we use to show the boy was feeling happy playing in the park?  
Make a list from the chart above:

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### Direct Instruction:

If the boy was playing in the park in a safe manner, we could add the adverb **safely**:

**The boy played safely in the park.**

Can you identify another adverb we could use here which is synonymous (means the same or similar) with safely?

If you don't know the meaning of an adverb, look at the root word within it. For example, the adverb **cautiously** has the root word **caution** hidden inside of it. This tells us that the adverb means something is being done with caution (safely). So we could use the adverb **cautiously** which is synonymous with safely:

**The boy played cautiously in the park.**

### Pop Quiz!

Can you write the definition of an adverb (read the definition once or twice and then try and write it from memory)? 🙌👍

adverb: a word \_\_\_\_\_

### Independent Practice:

Match the verb and adverb activity:

<https://www.englishclub.com/esl-games/grammar/adverbs-verbs-1-1.htm>

\*click on next game for more practice

Match the synonymous (means the same or similar) adverbs activity:

<https://www.englishclub.com/esl-games/grammar/adverbs-synonyms-1.htm>

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Fun ninja verb game:

<https://www.turtlediary.com/game/ninja-multiplayer.html?topicname=verb>