

Grade 11

Adverbs: worksheet

Adverbs are words that tell us more about the verbs. They may modify Adjectives, other Adverbs or even the tone of the sentence.

He ran quickly. Quickly tells us about the verb *ran*.

She is exceptionally clever. Exceptionally tells us about the adjective *clever*.

Don't eat so quickly. So tells us more of the adverb *quickly*.

Perhaps you will win the lottery. The word perhaps changes the whole nature of the sentence.

Different types of adverbs:

Manner: (how?)

quickly, hungrily, fast, well.

These adverbs usually end in -ly: sadly, quickly, carefully

Place: (where?)

here, there, up down, far, near.

Time: (when?)

Today, tomorrow, yesterday, soon, immediately.

Degree: (to what extent?)

Very, quite, rather, extremely, nearly, too.

Frequency: (how often?)

Always, never, often, seldom, usually.

Adverbs as sentence modifiers:

These words can change the nature of the sentence and it usually expresses the speaker's opinion: actually, certainly, fortunately, honestly, obviously

They are usually placed at the beginning of the sentence:

Naturally, nobody owned up to the deed.

Comparative adverbs:

When we compare most adverbs, we use the words *more* and *most*.

| | Adverb | Comparative | Superlative |
|------------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|
| Regular | fast | faster | Fastest |
| Two or more syllables | carefully | More carefully | Most carefully |
| Irregular (exceptions) | Badly | Worse | The worst |
| | Little | Less | The least |
| | Much | More | The most |
| | well | better | The best |

He *ran* quickly: regular

He *earns* less than his brother: comparing two actions.

Of all the hobbies, he *likes* chess the best: comparing more than two actions.

Exercise 1: Underline the adverbs in the following sentences:

- 1 The puppy wagged its tail happily.
- 2 The cat greedily drank all the milk.
- 3 Suddenly there was a loud bang.
- 4 He visits us frequently.
- 5 Slowly but surely the climb to the top of the mountain.

Exercise 2: complete the following sentences by using adverbs formed from the words in brackets:

1. The children played (excited) in the park. _____
2. The truck (dangerous) overtook the car. _____
3. The soldiers fought (brave). _____
4. They spoke (loud) in the street. _____
5. He moved (quick). _____

Exercise 3: find the correct word to complete each sentence:

Punctually humbly nowadays swiftly rather Repeatedly suddenly instantly frequently the other day

1. The cat was run over and killed _____.
2. I saw her at the store only _____.
3. She arrived _____ at 10h00.
4. _____ there came the crack of the whip.
5. My brother does not write to me very _____.
6. _____ aeroplanes can travel faster than sound.
7. It was _____ cold yesterday.
8. I _____ beg your pardon.
9. The horseman _____ galloped away.
10. I warned her _____ no to go near the savage dog.

Exercise 4: Complete the following sentences by using the correct form of the adverb in brackets:

1. Our choir sang (beautifully)that their choir.
2. Of all the girls at the part, Mary was the (prettily) dressed.
3. Peter drives his motor-cycle (carefully) than he does his car.
4. Of all the classes in our school, our class gave the (generously) to charity.
5. The principal punished the boys (severely) for their bad behaviour.
6. John's dog was (strictly) trained than Kevin's.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____