



Adverb or Adjective? Practice

Remember, studying “Parts of Speech” means studying how a word is **used**. Examine each of the underlined words, and circle whether the word is being used as an adverb (ADV) or an adjective (ADJ). Circle O for other if the word is being used as neither an adjective nor an adverb.

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| ADJ | ADV | O | 1. In the spring, I will plant three hundred <u>tulip</u> bulbs. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 2. No one likes a <u>cheater</u> . |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 3. I could <u>not</u> believe my ears when Maggie told me the news! |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 4. Andy is a <u>fast</u> runner, and is a star on the track team. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 5. Alex ran <u>fast</u> down the hall toward the Commons. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 6. As Amy worked on her homework, she wrote <u>furiously</u> . |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 7. I would be <u>furious</u> if someone stole my calculator. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 8. The thief <u>surreptitiously</u> crept into the back door. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 9. Surreptitiousness is not a quality I <u>admire</u> . |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 10. Slithering down the hill, the beast flicked its eyes <u>sneakily</u> . |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 11. That dog was <u>sneaky</u> when it stole the ham from the counter. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 12. Do you sing <u>well</u> ? |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 13. No, I am not a <u>good</u> singer. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 14. Knitting is a craft I'd like to learn to do <u>well</u> . |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 15. The kitten fell into the old, uncovered <u>well</u> . |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 16. Don't run so <u>recklessly</u> down the 300 hall! |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 17. Don't run <u>so</u> recklessly down the 300 hall! |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 18. Don't run so recklessly down the 300 hall! |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 19. Don't run so recklessly down the <u>300</u> hall! |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 20. Jerad wasn't <u>very</u> late to class, even though he overslept. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 21. Shelby was very <u>intent</u> on learning all she could about verbs. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 22. Wes stared <u>intently</u> at the board, trying to pay attention. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 23. We like Laura very <u>much</u> ! |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 24. Rebecca is returning the library book <u>today</u> . |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 25. " <u>Today</u> is a beautiful day!" Eva exclaimed. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 26. I think Tanner will catch up with us <u>later</u> . |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 27. Will Abbe arrive <u>later</u> than Jake? |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 28. Lindsay is never <u>late</u> for important meetings. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 29. Brianna would <u>never</u> gossip about her friends. |
| ADJ | ADV | O | 30. Joe bought his mother a <u>lovely</u> book on Canada. |



Finding Adverbs Practice

Circle the 25 adverbs in the following paragraph.

Yesterday my sister June and I shopped for houseplants. The large ones were too expensive for us. We also knew that large plants are almost always raised in hothouses. They do not adjust easily to homes in extremely cold climates. Suddenly June had a brainstorm. "Let's buy some seeds and grow them indoors. That way we can choose a rare species, and the seedlings will automatically adapt themselves to the climate in our house." At the seed store, the owner, Mrs. Miller, greeted us cheerfully. We told her we wanted seeds for a plant seldom sold in local shops. We mentioned that our room hardly ever gets bright sunlight and that during winter it is especially dark. "I know what you need," Mrs. Miller promptly replied. "These are seeds of the bo tree, an unusually hardy member of the fig family native to India. There it is sacred to Buddhists, for it is said that the Buddha received enlightenment under a bo tree." At home we carefully planted the seeds in a container filled with moist dirt and a layer of damp peat moss. We then covered the container with a sheet of transparent plastic film. Eventually the seeds sprouted and our trees grew. To our surprise, we discovered that each leaf of the bo tree ends in a delicately tapered tip. The leaves were the most unusual ones we had ever seen.

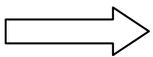
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Examples: The bird was chirping **downstairs**. (Where?)
The bird chirped **today**. (When?)
The bird chirped **loudly**. (How?)
Our bird chirped **constantly**. (To what extent?)

Find the ten adverbs in the following sentences and identify the verbs they modify.

1. The first balloonists floated gently above Paris in a hot-air balloon that had been cleverly designed by the Montgolfier brothers. 2. Although their earlier attempts had failed, the Montgolfiers never stopped trying, and finally settled on a balloon made of paper and linen. 3. These early balloons differed significantly from modern balloons, which are sturdily constructed of coated nylon. 4. Despite their ingenuity, the Montgolfiers first thought that smoke would effectively push a balloon skyward. 5. In their first experiments, they bravely prepared fuel from rotten meat and old shoes.

1. _____ modifies _____
_____ modifies _____
2. _____ modifies _____
_____ modifies _____
3. _____ modifies _____
_____ modifies _____
4. _____ modifies _____
_____ modifies _____
_____ modifies _____
5. _____ modifies _____



Note: many adverbs end in *-ly*. Do not make the mistake, however, of thinking that all words ending in *-ly* are adverbs. For instance, the following words are adjectives: *homely, lovely, deadly*. Moreover, some common adverbs, like *always, never, very, soon, not, and too*, do not end in *-ly*.





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Examples: It was a **fiercely** competitive game. (How competitive was it?)
The police officer was **exceptionally** brave. (How brave was he?)

In each of the following sentences, there is an adverb modifying an adjective. Identify each adverb and the adjective it modifies.

1. An immensely long wagon train started out from Denver.
2. Both oxen and mules were used to pull unusually large wagons.
3. The trail through the mountains was fairly hazardous.
4. A moderately hard rain could turn the trail into a swamp.
5. When the trail was too muddy, the heavier wagons became mired.
6. Wagons that were extremely heavy then had to be unloaded before they could be moved.
7. Stopping for the night along the trail was a consistently welcome experience.
8. It offered relief to thoroughly tired bones and muscles.
9. Nights in the mountains could be quite cold.
10. On terribly cold nights, the travelers would roll themselves in blankets and sleep close to their campfires.

1. _____ modifies the adjective _____
2. _____ modifies the adjective _____
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10. _____ modifies the adjective _____

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Examples: The guide spoke **too** slowly. (How did she speak? Slowly. How slowly? Too slowly.)
She saw it **rather** recently. (When did she see it? Recently. How recently? Rather recently.)

In each of the following sentences, there is one adverb that modifies another adverb. Identify the adverbs and the adverbs they modify.

1. Changes in our economy have occurred somewhat rapidly.
2. Cancer research has advanced rather dramatically in the last few years.
3. Pam reached the meeting too late to hear the complete discussion.
4. If you handle this material very carefully, you will be in no danger.
5. To our surprise, Father took the news quite calmly.
6. She always completely rewrites the first draft of her novels.
7. We all finally agreed that Donovan had thrown the ball extremely well.
8. Usually it seems that each month passes more rapidly than the month before.
9. Arguments on both sides were most cleverly presented.
10. Although they are extremely young, these students write surprisingly well.

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10. _____ modifies the adverb _____





Good vs. Well Portfolio

Complete each sentence by writing in the correct word: **good** or **well**.

1. They danced _____ at the party.
2. "Why does a bagel with strawberry cream cheese taste so _____?" said Ann, taking another huge bite.
3. Brian and Jaslyn were happy to be partners again. They always work _____ together.
4. "No need to yell. I can hear you very _____," said Veronica's dad, holding the phone away from his ear.
5. The cookies and cream ice-cream sandwiches looked _____ to us.
6. Lindsay always has several _____ ideas for weekend plans.
7. Mrs. Shorter needed one more _____ picture for the yearbook.
8. Jacob did not feel _____, so he went home.
9. Alex got an A on her math test, which indicated she had studied _____.
10. "I hope everything goes _____ tomorrow," said Fran.
11. The idea was expressed _____ in the article.
12. I'll feel better if I get a _____ night's sleep.
13. Your snoring made it impossible for me to sleep _____.
14. I really believe that tuna fish is a _____ breakfast food.
15. I'm still afraid of your _____ trained grizzly bear.
16. How _____ do you run on a hot day?
17. Dig deep to have a _____ well.
18. Have you been a _____ or a bad example to your younger friends?
19. You think that Desmond has behaved badly, but I think he has behaved _____.
20. I hope you have a _____ excuse!
21. Please chew your food _____.
22. The doctor took a _____ deserved vacation.
23. Why would you quit when you're doing so _____.
24. Melody is a _____ singing partner.
25. He is _____.