

Words they Modify

An adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

An adverb tells how, when, where, or to what extent (how much, how often, or how long).

E AMPLES *he spoke loudly and slowly. he adverbs loudly and slowly modify the verb spoke, telling how.*

he sat in the extremely uncomfortable chairs. he adverb extremely modifies the adjective uncomfortable, telling to what extent.

She wrote the answers very neatly. he adverb very modifies the adverb neatly, telling to what extent. he adverb neatly modifies the verb wrote, telling how.

E ER SE A Underline each of the adverbs in the following sentences and draw an arrow from the adverb to the word(s) it modifies. *int: A sentence may have more than one adverb.*

Example *he original version of this game ran unbelievably slowly.*

- Considering that this video game is fairly old, it has surprisingly good graphics.*
- s that the surpassingly lovely princess have to rescue?*
- hat was an unusually friendly gnome.*
- My character in the game is an exceptionally skilled archer.*
- At the archery tournament, shot my arrow almost exactly in the center of the target.*
- think a goblin is lurking nearby.*
- he castle s towers loom ominously over the treacherously swampy landscape.*
- Rather reluctantly, the gatekeeper let me into the city.*
- My sister mastered this game uickly.*
- he continually elusive high score escaped me again.*

E ER SE On the line provided, add an adverb to complete each sentence below.

- Example *After the lecture Jesse and his friends quietly walked to a nearby cafe.*
- Once seated, they all _____ began discussing the topic of the lecture.*
 - Jesse argued _____ that the speaker s comments were well supported.*
 - ynthia disagreed _____ and offered her own views on the subject.*
 - Rafael suggested that the lecture would have been _____ interesting if there had been more time for uestions at the end.*
 - _____, they all agreed that they had learned a lot and hoped to attend another lecture soon.*



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Some words that are often used as nouns may also be used as adverbs.

OU Friday is the day start my netball lessons.

AD ER I'll be having another lesson every Friday for the next two months. The noun Friday is used as an adverb telling when.

E ER SE In the following sentences, identify the underlined word by writing above it if it is a noun or **AD** if it is an adverb.

Example . yesterday was exciting.

- . My parents and I arrived in New York City yesterday.
- . First, we went uptown to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- . That was wonderful, so I thought that uptown would be my favorite part of New York.
- . Then, we went downtown.
- . Downtown is definitely my favorite, but not because of any of its tourist attractions.
- . It is my favorite because it is my best friend Miriam's home.
- . After only a few days, I certainly was not ready to go home.
- . Miriam and I went to Chinatown and Little Italy today.
- . I think today has been the most fun so far.
- . My family has to leave tomorrow.
- . Tomorrow is the first day of spring.
- . We get to go upstate to see the countryside.
- . My aunt says that upstate is very beautiful.
- . First we will spend two nights in a cabin.
- . I will probably be the first to cook dinner at the cabin.
- . I'm really looking forward to Sunday.
- . Sunday, Miriam and I will visit her aunt who lives on Lake Ontario.
- . If we have time, we'll then drive into Canada.
- . Since we haven't yet spoken to Miriam's aunt about it, we can't really make plans until then.
- . Finally, on Wednesday we'll return to New York City to take an airplane home.