

Adverbs

An verb is an action or a doing word like run, play or build. An **adverb** is a word that describes a verb. Try to remember it being the adjective of the verb = **ad+verb**.

He ate his breakfast **quickly**.

The word **quickly** is an adverb. It tells us how he ate (*the verb*) his breakfast.

Task One: Circle all the adverbs in each sentence.

1. Excitedly, Molly opened the present. She stopped briefly and looked inside.
2. Sadly, the cat got knocked down. Happily, it wasn't badly hurt.
3. Slowly, the girl walked home from school. Hungrily, she ate her tea.
4. Quietly, the mouse scuttled into her hole and nibbled hungrily on the crumb of bread.
5. Angrily, the old man shouted at the boys as they rudely called him names.
6. Cleverly, the children revised for their test. Happily, they all did well.

Task Two: Add in the adverbs in each sentence to describe the verb (action).

1. Helen ran _____ to the castle and crept _____ up the stairs.
2. While I milked the cow _____, Tom _____ brushed the horse.
3. The child _____ shouted at the man who was running _____.
4. Miss Thurston _____ listens to One Direction.
5. The kitten purred _____ as she sat on the rug.
6. Ms Shearer rode her bike _____.

Task Three: Which is the adverb? What action is it describing? Finish the sentence.

The prince bravely _____

The exhausted man wearily _____

The snake smoothly _____

The baby eagerly _____

The old lady nervously _____

The tiger fiercely _____