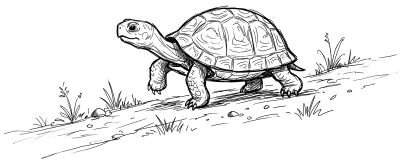
Adverbs: How It Works



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An adverb tells how, when or where something happens.

1. An adverb tells more about a verb

It answers how, when or where the action happens.

The turtle walked **slowly**.

How did it walk? Slowly.

2. How?

Many adverbs that tell **how** end in -ly:

quickly, softly, bravely, carefully

Kim sang **softly**.

3. When?

Adverbs that tell **when**:

today, soon, later, always, never

We will leave **soon**.

4. Where?

Adverbs that tell **where**:

here, there, outside, away, nearby

The cat ran **outside**.

How to find an adverb

1. **Find the verb.**
   What is the action?
2. **Ask how, when or where.**
   How did it happen? When? Where?
3. **The answer is the adverb.**
   It can come before or after the verb.

From adjective to adverb

Add -ly to many adjectives:

quick → **quickly**

loud → **loudly**

If the word ends in y, change the y to i first:

happy → **happily**

easy → **easily**

Watch out

Not every -ly word is an adverb. **Friendly** and **lonely** describe nouns, so they are adjectives.

Some adverbs have no -ly: **fast**, **hard**, **well**.

She runs **fast**.

Use **well**, not good, to tell how something is done:

He sings **well**.