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What Is an Adverb? (Concept Overview)

- An **adverb** is a word that gives more information about a **verb, adjective, or another adverb**. It tells how, when, where, or **how often** something happens.

Examples

- She sings **beautifully**. (tells how)
- He arrived **early**. (tells when)
- The dog ran **outside**. (tells where)
- They visit us **often**. (tells how often)

Type of Adverb

Type of Adverb	Examples & Meaning
Adverbs of Manner (How)	quickly, slowly, carefully, beautifully
Adverbs of Place (Where)	here, there, outside, upstairs
Adverbs of Time (When)	today, yesterday, soon, always
Adverbs of Frequency (How Often)	often, never, always, sometimes
Adverbs of Degree (How Much)	very, quite, almost, too

Remember

- Most adverbs end with “ly” but not all (e.g., fast, well).
- Adverbs tell us how, when, where, or how often something happens.
- They modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs, not nouns.
- Don’t confuse adjectives and adverbs:
 - Adjective → She is quick.
 - Adverb → She runs quickly.
- Some adverbs can change position in a sentence, but meaning should remain clear.

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Instruction: Underline the adverb in each sentence and write its type – Manner, Time, Place, Frequency, or Degree.

1. The students completed their science project carefully before the deadline.

2. She arrived early to prepare for the presentation. _____
3. We searched everywhere for the missing file. _____
4. He plays the piano beautifully during the school functions. _____
5. The teacher explained the topic clearly, so everyone understood. _____
6. My father travels frequently because of his job. _____
7. The birds chirped happily outside the classroom window. _____
8. The children stayed quietly while the librarian spoke. _____
9. They will return tomorrow after the competition. _____
10. The old man walked slowly across the street. _____
11. The weather became extremely cold at night. _____
12. I have never seen such a beautiful waterfall before. _____
13. The plane landed safely despite the storm. _____
14. The baby smiled sweetly at her mother. _____
15. He goes to the gym regularly in the evening. _____
16. The cat slept peacefully under the warm blanket. _____
17. She spoke politely to the new student in class. _____
18. We met our cousins recently after several years. _____
19. The stars shone brightly in the dark sky. _____
20. The children stayed indoors because it was raining heavily. _____

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Instruction: Choose suitable adverbs from the box and fill in the blanks correctly.

frequently silently outside carefully soon early everywhere rarely
clearly never quickly happily yesterday gently very loudly politely
daily well completely

1. The teacher spoke _____ so that the students could understand her instructions.
2. We will meet our new neighbors _____ at the park.
3. She completed her homework _____ before going out to play.
4. The dog barked _____ when the stranger entered the yard.
5. The old man walked _____ down the narrow lane.
6. My sister _____ forgets to water the plants.
7. The baby smiled _____ when her mother hugged her.
8. The students worked _____ on their group presentation.
9. He _____ goes to bed before midnight.
10. The stars were shining _____ in the clear sky.
11. Please listen _____ to the teacher's instructions.
12. The rain stopped _____ after the thunderstorm.
13. We will start our journey _____ in the morning.
14. My father wakes up _____ to go jogging.
15. The glass broke _____ when it fell from the table.
16. The children played _____ in the garden all afternoon.
17. He can sing _____ even without music.
18. The car stopped _____ before the red light.
19. She handled the situation _____ and calmly.
20. I searched _____ for my lost keys but couldn't find them.

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 **Instruction:** Rearrange the words to show correct position of the adverb.

- never / I / eat / before / breakfast / sweets.

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- he / finished / quickly / homework / his.

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- the / children / play / outside / every / evening.

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- the / quietly / dog / slept / floor / on / the.

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- late / she / arrived / the / for / meeting.

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- loudly / the / spoke / teacher / very.

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- they / together / worked / on / project / the.

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- car / stopped / suddenly / the / signal / at.

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- my / mother / usually / dinner / cooks / at / seven.

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- we / go / often / to / library / the / on / Fridays.

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- completed / he / carefully / painting / the.

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- the / sang / beautifully / choir / school.

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- she / spoke / calmly / the / to / manager.

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 **Instruction:** Fill in each blank with the correct adverb (choose one of the given options in brackets).

1. He completed his work _____ (quickly / soon / well).
2. The baby cried _____ when she was hungry (softly / loudly / carefully).
3. She answered the question _____ (correct / correctly / correction).
4. The bus arrived _____ than expected (early / earlier / earliest).
5. We will go for a walk _____ (now / yesterday / today).
6. The teacher explained the lesson _____ (clearly / clear / clearer).
7. My father works _____ in his office (hard / hardly / harder).
8. The dog barked _____ at the stranger (angry / angrily / anger).
9. They danced _____ at the party (beautiful / beautifully / beauty).
10. The boy spoke _____ to his elders (polite / politely / politeness).
11. The train stopped _____ at the next station (sudden / suddenly / suddenness).
12. We reached the airport _____ (soon / sooner / soonest).
13. The wind blew _____ through the trees (strong / strongly / strength).
14. She waited _____ for her friend (patient / patiently / patience).
15. He drives his car _____ (care / carefully / careless).
16. The little girl smiled _____ at her grandmother (sweet / sweetly / sweetness).
17. The teacher spoke _____ to the noisy class (angry / angrily / anger).
18. They completed their work _____ (quick / quickly / quickest).
19. The birds sing _____ in the morning (happy / happily / happiness).
20. The old man walked _____ across the street (slow / slowly / slowness).

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 **Instruction:** Tick (✓) the adverb that completes the sentence correctly.

- The students worked _____ to finish the project.
(A) hard (B) hardly (C) hardness (D) hardest
- He arrived _____ to catch the first train.
(A) early (B) earlier (C) earliest (D) late
- The little boy laughed _____ at the clown.
(A) loud (B) loudly (C) louder (D) loudest
- The stars shone _____ in the clear sky.
(A) bright (B) brightly (C) brighter (D) brightness
- The teacher spoke _____ so everyone could hear.
(A) clear (B) clearly (C) clearer (D) clearest
- My father goes jogging _____.
(A) daily (B) day (C) days (D) dayly
- The baby slept _____ in her cradle.
(A) peace (B) peaceful (C) peacefully (D) peacely
- The children left the room _____.
(A) quiet (B) quietly (C) quieter (D) quietness
- The bird flew _____ above the trees.
(A) high (B) highly (C) height (D) highest
- They answered all questions _____.
(A) correct (B) correctly (C) correction (D) corrected
- The old man walked _____ along the road.
(A) slow (B) slowly (C) slower (D) slowest
- She speaks French _____ than English.
(A) fluently (B) fluent (C) most fluent (D) fluency

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**Instruction:** Underline the wrong adverb and rewrite the correct sentence.

- She sings sweet.

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- The baby slept peace.

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- He runs fastly every morning.

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- The teacher explained the chapter clear.

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- The dog barked angry at the stranger.

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- The train arrived lately at the station.

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- They danced graceful at the function.

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- My mother works hardly every day.

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- The boy shouted loud at his friend.

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- The students answered all the questions correct.

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- The bird flew highness in the sky.

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- She waited patient for the bus.

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- He completed the project quick.

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 Instruction: Fill in the missing forms of the given adverbs.

Positive	Comparative	Superlative
fast		
soon		
quickly		
early		
late		
loudly		
happily		
carefully		
well		
badly		
hard		
far		
near		
easily		
bravely		
patiently		
quietly		
wisely		
fluently		
softly		