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Adverbs

Adverbs: An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

Modifying a verb: Denise always shops at the mall.

Modifying an adjective: She is usually particular about what she buys.

Modifying an adverb: She comes to the mall very early.

Adverbs answer the questions **how, when, where,** or to **what extent**. **Intensifiers** are adverbs that modify adjectives or other adverbs. They usually come directly before the word they modify. Intensifiers usually answer the question “*To what extent*?”

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| **Adverbs** |  |
| How? | slowly, quickly, quietly |
| When? | today, rarely, annually, yesterday, daily |
| Where? | nearby, there, around, outside, inside |
| To what extent? | rather, quite, extremely, very |
| Intensifiers (make words stronger) | almost, extremely, quite, so, usually, especially, nearly, really, too, very |

Many adverbs are formed by adding the suffix –ly to adjectives. Sometimes a base word’s spelling changes when –ly is added.

Adjectives: strong immediate easy happy sad near

Adverbs: strongly immediately easily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PART A: Underline the adverbs in the following sentences. Draw an arrow from each adverb to the word that it modifies. THESE ADVERBS ARE ONLY MODIFYING VERBS.

1. She bought an expensive necklace cheaply.
2. A load of salmon arrived on the docks yesterday.
3. People who shop wisely can save a great deal of money.
4. There is a big sale at the mall today.
5. Denise always goes to sales.
6. Our space probe landed softly on the moon today.
7. Quickly, we gathered our gear.

PART B: Underline the adverbs in the following sentences. Draw an arrow from each adverb to the word that it modifies. THESE ADVERBS ARE ONLY MODIFYING ADJECTIVES.

1. In the past, she has been very lucky with her buys.
2. For example, she bought a nearly new tent at the outdoors store.
3. She is amazingly skillful in both spending and saving money.
4. In its place, was a brand new store.
5. On the other hand, where can you get a really tasty ice cream cone?
6. The boys were extremely nice to the new student.
7. The football game was rather fun.

PART C: Underline the adverbs in the following sentences. Draw an arrow from each adverb to the word that it modifies. THESE ADVERBS ARE MODIFYING VERBS, ADJECTIVES AND OTHER ADVERBS.

1. The guard walked very cautiously into the building.
2. The lifeguard swam extremely fast.
3. The busy beaver gnawed quite furiously on the tree trunk.
4. The boy is rather talented; he’ll go far if he works hard.
5. Quite suddenly, the horse bolted across the field.
6. She will rather proudly show you the suitcase that she bought for next to nothing.
7. Yesterday, they stepped inside, and the clerk asked if she could help them.

PART D: Write four sentences that contain an adverb. Underline the adverb, and draw an arrow to the word(s) being modified.

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