

Adverbs

An **adverb** is a word that tells us more about a verb, an adjective or another adverb.

e.g. Tom was very **sleepy**.

She laughed **timidly**.

Dia was walking **rapidly**.

Kinds of Adverbs

1. **Adverb of Manner** tells us how something is done or happens. These adverbs answer the question 'how'.

The boys were **seriously** injured in the fight.

At the advanced age of 88, she still sang very **well**.

The mechanic fixed the problem **easily**.

Rita sings **beautifully**.

The lady grumbled **loudly** while cleaning the floor.

Most of the adverbs of manner are formed by adding **-ly** to the adjectives. Some commonly used adverbs of manner include words like eagerly, anxiously, patiently, quickly, correctly, simply, easily, fast, well, loudly, completely, etc.

2. **Adverb of Place** tells us where something is done or happens. These adverbs answer the question 'where'.

He kept his keys **somewhere**.

In spring, flowers bloom **everywhere**.

They serve hot chocolate fudge **there**.

I am waiting **here** for my mom.

She is standing **outside**.

Some commonly used adverbs of place include words like somewhere, here, there, upwards, downwards, in, out, abroad, underground, upstairs, home, anywhere, nowhere, etc.

3. **Adverb of Time** tells us when something done or happens. These adverbs answer the question 'when'.

We will leave **today**.

She went to the market in the **evening**.

A five-storey collapsed **yesterday**.

Last week, we were stuck in the traffic jam for an hour.

Some commonly used adverbs of time include words like after, already, finally, next, later, last, yesterday, tomorrow, early, immediately, when, while, recently, now, just, during, then, soon, never, before, etc.

4. **Adverb of Frequency** tells us how often something happens. They answer the question 'how often'. These Adverbs are used to show the duration or timing of the action that is happening/had happened/will happen.

She likes to watch movie **every day**.

My grandparents live in Choiseul. I visit them **often**.

She watches Tamil films **occasionally**.

They **rarely** go for outing.

He **always** brush his teeth before he go to bed.

I have been to Mumbai just **once**.

Some commonly used adverbs of frequency include words like always, rarely, sometimes, often, usually, seldom, occasionally, frequently, yearly etc.

5. **Adverb of Degree** tells us to show to what extent or how much has an action been done or will be done. They answer the question 'how much'.

The accident victim **nearly** died from his injuries.

Dia **almost** finished the work.

She was very impressed with her results.

It is **extremely** cold today.

Some commonly used adverbs of degree include words like almost, entirely, somewhat, very, much, too, rather, nearly, least, yet, completely, partially, fully, etc.