

Rule 16

An adverb is a word that describes a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

**Adverbs can tell:**

how:	<i>The baby cried <b>loudly</b>.</i>
when:	<i>We hope he will stop <b>soon</b>.</i>
where:	<i>He set his hat <b>there</b>.</i>
to what extent:	<i>He <b>really</b> wants his bottle.</i>

Adverbs can be used to make comparisons. They are changed in several ways:

- Add **er** or **est** to most short adverbs.

deep: *The giant squid lives **deep** in the sea.*  
 deeper: *The otter dove **deeper** on its second dive.*  
 deepest: *Terri dove the **deepest** of all the scuba divers.*

hard: *Ms. Murphy works **hard** to make the library an interesting place.*  
 harder: *She must work **harder** if people put the books on the shelves incorrectly.*  
 hardest: *She works the **hardest** of all the library staff.*

- Use **more** or **most** with most adverbs of two or more syllables and adverbs that end in **ly**.

*carefully   **more** carefully   **most** carefully*  
*often   **more** often   **most** often*

- Some adverbs have special forms of comparison.

*well   better   best*  
*badly   worse   worst*

**Adverbs**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Use Adverbs



**A** What does each bold adverb tell? Write **how**, **when**, **where**, or **to what extent** after each adverb.

1. The class sat **quietly**. \_\_\_\_\_
2. We looked **everywhere**. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Many people arrived **late**. \_\_\_\_\_
4. You seem **very** happy. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I waited **patiently**. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The children laughed **happily**. \_\_\_\_\_
7. He is **always** helpful. \_\_\_\_\_
8. The package arrived **yesterday**. \_\_\_\_\_
9. I walked home **slowly**. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Stay **here** until I call you. \_\_\_\_\_

**B** 1. Write a sentence using an adverb that tells "how."  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Write a sentence using an adverb that tells "when."  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Write a sentence using an adverb that tells "where."  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Write a sentence using an adverb that tells "to what extent."  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# Make Comparisons



Fill in the correct adverb in each of these sentences.

1. soon sooner soonest

The guests will be arriving \_\_\_\_\_.

Which guest will arrive \_\_\_\_\_?

Carly and Sheila arrived \_\_\_\_\_ than the other party guests.

2. loudly louder loudest

King was the zoo lion that growled the \_\_\_\_\_.

That lion growled \_\_\_\_\_ than the smallest one.

The lion growled \_\_\_\_\_.

3. quickly more quickly most quickly

A cheetah runs the \_\_\_\_\_ of all cats.

My cat runs \_\_\_\_\_.

That leopard runs \_\_\_\_\_ than my cat.

4. well better best

Tonya draws \_\_\_\_\_.

Carl draws \_\_\_\_\_ than Tonya.

Pablo draws the \_\_\_\_\_ of anyone in our class.



# Evaluate Adverbs

In each sentence, one adverb is underlined. Circle the word each underlined adverb describes. On the line provided, tell whether the circled word is a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. The first one has been completed for you as an example.

1. The dog barked loudly. \_\_\_\_\_ *verb* \_\_\_\_\_
2. The movie will begin almost immediately. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The usually happy Sam seemed sad today. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Kevin runs faster than anyone in his class. \_\_\_\_\_
5. I attended a birthday party today. \_\_\_\_\_
6. My friend Allen sits here. \_\_\_\_\_
7. That was an incredibly funny movie. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Kayla works really hard for her good grades. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Tim constantly sketches in his notebook. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Jimmy dances gracefully. \_\_\_\_\_
11. We skied down a dangerously steep hill. \_\_\_\_\_
12. A surgeon must work extremely carefully. \_\_\_\_\_