

Worksheet 12: Adverbs and Adverbial phrases

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- An adverb is a word that describes how, when or where an action is done.

1. Adverbs of manner describe how the action or verb is done.

- Spelling rules: We usually form adverbs of manner from adjectives.

Rule #1: For most adverbs, add -ly to the adjective.

patient- patiently proud- proudly

Rule #2: If the adjective ends in -y, replace the -y with 'i' and add -ly.

happy - happily easy - easily angry - angrily

Rule #3: If the adjective ends in -le, -able or -ible, replace the 'e' with 'y'.

simple - simply comfortable - comfortably terrible - terribly

Rule#4: If the adjective ends in -ic, add -ally.

problematic - problematically hectic - hectically

fantastic - fantastically

- exception public - publicly

Rule#5: Some adverbs are irregular. Here's a list of common irregular adverbs.

Adjectives	Adverbs
good	well
fast	fast
hard	hard
early	early
late	late

Let's practice!

1. Write the adverbs as in the example.

- a. She's a careful driver. She drives **carefully**.
- b. James and Grace are horrible dancers. They dance_____.
- c. The baby is very quiet. He sleeps_____.
- d. Maria is a good actress. She acts_____.
- e. Tim is a fast runner. He runs _____.
- f. She is a terrible singer. She sings_____.
- g. All the children were happy. They sang_____ in the car.

2. Adverbs of time describe when an action happened. Most common adverbs of time:

now, afterwards, then, next, today, tomorrow, tonight,
yesterday, soon, late, later, after

3. Adverbs of place tell us where something happened. Most common adverbs of place:

anywhere, everywhere, away, far, near, nearby, back, backwards, towards,
behind, below, down, up, downstairs, upstairs, here, there, in, indoors, inside,
left, under.

4. Adverbs of frequency tell us how often we do things or how often things happen.

Most common adverbs of frequency:

always, usually, often, sometimes, rarely, never

Let's practice!

2. Underline the verb and circle the adverb. Describe the adverb by using the following words: **manner, time, place or frequency.**

- a) Walk slowly. _____
- b) George completed the task yesterday. _____
- c) Noor walked around. _____
- d) Your plant will grow fast if you water it often. _____, _____
- e) The dog ate his food greedily. _____
- f) She searched everywhere for her lost book. _____
- g) The kids went inside because it was raining. _____
- h) David cleans his truck daily. _____
- i) The cat laid comfortably and slept deeply. _____, _____
- j) My cousins rarely go to the mall with their friends. _____
- k) Stay nearby or you will be lost. _____
- l) The teacher sits outside. _____

Adverbial phrases

What are "adverbial phrases"?

An adverbial phrase is simply a group of two or more words that function as an adverb in a sentence. An adverbial phrase of more than one word can further describe a verb. Adverbial phrases typically answer the questions **how, where, why or when** something was done as you'll see in the adverb phrase examples below.

*Can you come over here?

*You'll find the key in the cupboard. This morning, he met his old friend.

*Stacy and Nancy will walk on the sidewalk.

Let's practice!

1. **Circle** the adverbial phrase. On the line, write the question it answers.

- a. We expect our friends to come in about an hour. _____
- b. Our friend works on Mondays. _____
- c. Mike and Carla will walk on the footpath. _____
- d. The frog jumps through the tall grass. _____
- e. She found her keys in the morning. _____
- f. She patted the cat with her soft hands. _____
- g. We expect our grandparents to arrive in three hours. _____
- i. He found his lucky penny in the morning. _____
- j. We raced our toy cars on the playground. _____
- k. Shayla and Coral were reading their books in the car. _____
- l. Jenny tried to talk to Peter underneath the water. _____

2. Adverbial phrases and adverbs can be used to link sentences or paragraphs together. Choose adverbial phrases from the list below to complete this text.

Later on - After a few minutes - At first - Finally

_____, the computer wouldn't turn on no matter what Jake tried.
_____, he checked the power cable and realized it was unplugged. He plugged it in and pressed the power button again.
_____, the screen lit up and everything started working. _____,
Jake was able to finish his homework without any more problems.