List of Adverbs

Click here for the big list of adverbs.

Why do you need a list of adverbs?

If you watched Schoolhouse Rock as a child, you probably remember the song Lolly, Lolly, Lolly, get your adverbs here. This catchy song told you how adverbs were at your service to enrich your language in various ways. Now that you have the tune stuck in your head, keep reading to brush up on adverbs via the handy list of adverbs.

An adverb is a modifying part of speech. It describes verbs, other adverbs, adjectives, and phrases. They are used to describe how, where, when, how often and why something happens. Here are a few examples:

Verb- The cat climbed quickly up the tree. (quickly describes how the cat climbed)

Adverb- *Mike worked very carefully on his paper*. (very shows how carefully he worked) Adjective- *She is nearly ready to go.* (nearly tells to what extent she is ready)

Adverbs of manner describe how something happens. Where there are two or more verbs in a sentence, adverb placement affects the meaning. Some commonly used adverbs of manner include:

carefully

correctly

eagerly

easily

fast

loudly

patiently

quickly

quietly

and well.

Consider the following example:

She decided to write her paper. (no adverbs)

She quickly decided to write her paper. (her decision was quick)

She decided to write her paper quickly. (her writing was quick)

Adverbs of place describe where something happens. Most adverbs of place are also used as prepositions. Some commonly used examples include the following:

abroad

anywhere

downstairs

here

home

in

nowhere

out outside somewhere there underground upstairs. I wanted to go upstairs.
She has lived in the city since June. (in the city prepositional phrase) Adverbs of purpose describe why something happens. Here are some common examples:
so that to in order to because since accidentally intentionally and purposely.
Jenny walks carefully to avoid falling. Bob accidentally broke the vase.
Adverbs of frequency describe how often something happens. The following adverbs are commonly used in this way:
always every never often rarely seldom sometimes and usually.
Mackenzie gets a ride from her brother every day. The fish usually swims near the top of its tank.
Adverbs of time describe when something happens. These examples are commonly used:
after already during finally just last later next now

recently soon

then

tomorrow

when

while

and yesterday.

He came home before dark.

It will be too dark to play outside soon.

Jessica finished her supper first.

Andy left school early.

Some adverbs often get overused, such as very, extremely, and really. Using there is/are or it is at the beginning of a sentence adds nothing. Sentences with these adverb phrases become wordy, boring, and less clear. Look at some examples:

- * There are many bird species living in the sanctuary. Many bird species live in the sanctuary.
- * It is important to hold hands when crossing the street. Holding hands when crossing the street is important.
- * There may be more than one way to solve the problem. The problem may be solved in more than one way.

Well, did you catch all that? Recognizing the various adverbs used in the English language can take practice. Using them properly can make writing and speaking far more interesting.

Now you have a list of adverbs because you read this article carefully and thoroughly...

Adverbs of Completeness

Everywhere

here

there

List of Common Adverbs

<u>A</u>

abnormally absentmindedly accidentally acidly

actually

adventurously

afterwards

almost

always

angrily

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annually

anxiously

arrogantly

awkwardly <u>B</u> badly bashfully beautifully bitterly bleakly blindly blissfully boastfully boldly bravely briefly brightly briskly broadly busily <u>C</u> calmly carefully carelessly cautiously certainly cheerfully clearly cleverly closely coaxingly colorfully commonly continually coolly correctly courageously crossly cruelly curiously <u>D</u> daily

daintily
dearly
deceivingly
delightfully
deeply
defiantly
deliberately
delightfully
diligently
dimly
doubtfully
dreamily

<u>E</u>

easily
elegantly
energetically
enormously
enthusiastically
equally
especially
even
evenly
eventually
exactly
excitedly

<u>F</u>

extremely

fairly
faithfully
famously
far
fast
fatally
ferociously
fervently
fiercely
fondly
foolishly
fortunately
frankly
frankly

freely frenetically frightfully fully furiously <u>G</u> generally generously gently gladly gleefully gracefully gratefully greatly greedily <u>H</u> happily hastily healthily heavily helpfully helplessly highly honestly hopelessly hourly hungrily $\underline{\mathbf{I}}$ immediately innocently inquisitively instantly intensely intently interestingly inwardly irritably <u>J</u>

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jaggedly
jealously
joshingly
joyfully
joyously
jovially
jubilantly
judgementally
justly
<u>K</u>
keenly
kiddingly
kindheartedly
kindly
kissingly
knavishly
knottily
knowingly
knowledgeably
kookily
L
lazily
less
lightly
likely
limply
lively
loftily
longingly
loosely
lovingly
loudly
loyally
<u>M</u>
madly
maje stically\\
meaningfully
mechanically
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merrily miserably mockingly monthly more mortally mostly mysteriously

<u>N</u>

naturally nearly neatly needily nervously never nicely noisily not

<u>0</u>

obediently obnoxiously oddly offensively officially often only openly optimistically overconfidently owlishly

<u>P</u>

painfully partially patiently perfectly physically playfully politely poorly

positively potentially powerfully promptly properly punctually

Q

quaintly
quarrelsomely
queasily
queerly
questionably
questioningly
quicker
quickly
quietly
quirkily
quirzically

<u>R</u>

rapidly rarely readily really reassuringly recklessly regularly reluctantly repeatedly reproachfully restfully righteously rightfully rigidly roughly rudely

<u>s</u>

sadly safely scarcely

scarily searchingly sedately seemingly seldom selfishly separately seriously shakily sharply sheepishly shrilly shyly silently sleepily slowly smoothly softly solemnly solidly sometimes soon speedily stealthily sternly strictly successfully suddenly surprisingly suspiciously sweetly swiftly sympathetically

I

tenderly
tensely
terribly
thankfully
thoroughly
thoughtfully
tightly
tomorrow
too
tremendously

triumphantly truly truthfully <u>U</u> ultimately unabashedly unaccountably unbearably unethically unexpectedly unfortunately unimpressively unnaturally unnecessarily utterly upbeat upliftingly upright upside-down upward upwardly urgently usefully uselessly usually utterly <u>v</u> vacantly vaguely vainly valiantly vastly verbally very viciously victoriously violently vivaciously voluntarily <u>w</u>

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warmly
weakly
wearily
well
wetly
wholly
wildly
willfully
wisely
woefully
wonderfully
worriedly
wrongly
<u>Y</u>
yawningly
yearly
yearningly
yesterday
yieldingly
youthfully
<u>Z</u>
zealously
zestfully
zestily
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