

ADVERBS

➤ **Adverbs** describe verbs (actions). They give more detail about the action.

☐ My cat eats **slowly**.

Slowly is an **adverb** since it describes the way my cat eats.

How does my cat eat? Slowly.

➤ Adverbs will generally answer the question '**How**'.

➤ Some **adverbs** are used to modify an **adjective**.

➤ Adverbs that do this are: very, extremely, really, totally, absolutely, quite, fairly, well.
These are normally placed before the adjective.

☐ It was **very** hot yesterday.

☐ He is **totally** crazy.

❖ Adverbs Word Order

Adverbs are usually placed after the *verb*:

- He *speaks* **clearly**.
- When there is an object, the **adverb** is usually placed after the *verb + object*:
 - I *put the vase* **carefully** on the table.
 - However, adverbs are never positioned between the verb and the object.
 - I read the book quickly. - (Correct)
 - I read quickly the book. - (Incorrect)
 - Sometimes adverbs are placed at the beginning of a clause.
 - Quickly, I changed my opinion.

LIST OF ADVERBS

- Abnormally
- Diligently
- Hopelessly
- Accidentally
- Doubtfully
- Hungrily
- Deliberately
- Highly
- Mysteriously
- Delightfully
- Honestly
- Naturally
- Nearly
- Rightfully
- Ultimately
- Nervously
- Roughly
- Unaccountably
- Never
- Rudely

- Unbearably
- Nicely
- Safely
- Noisily
- Scarcely
- Unexpectedly
- Unfortunately
- Obediently
- Searchingly
- Oddly
- Seemingly
- Unnecessarily
- Offensively
- Seldom
- Upbeat
- Officially
- Upright
- Only
- Seriously
- Upward

- Actually
- Dreamily
- Always
- Enormously
- Intensely
- Anxiously
- Equally
- Interestingly
- Arrogantly
- Especially
- Inwardly
- Awkwardly
- Even Irritably
- Beautifully
- Eventually
- Jealously
- Bitterly
- Exactly
- Jovially
- Cleverly

- Frightfully
- Lively
- Closely
- Fully
- Loftily
- Coaxingly
- Furiously
- Longingly
- Generally
- Loosely
- Commonly
- Generously
- Loudly
- Continually
- Gently
- Lovingly
- Coolly
- Gladly
- Loyally
- Courageously

- Openly
- Shakily
- Urgently
- Optimistically
- Recklessly
- Tightly
- Reluctantly
- Too
- Repeatedly
- Tremendously
- Youthfully
- Restfully
- Truly
- Righteously
- Truthfully
- Sharply
- Usefully
- Sheepishly
- Uselessly
- Painfully

