

Parts of Speech - Adverbs

- Almost all words have a “part of speech”. Which part of speech a word has depends on how it is used in a sentence. Here is a list of the eight parts of speech:

Noun Verb Adjective Adverb Conjunction Preposition Pronoun Interjection

Adverb: An adverb is a word or phrase that is used to modify a verb, adjective, or another adverb. Sometimes an adverb is used to modify a conjunction, preposition, or infinitive verb. Most (but not all) adverbs end in “ly”.

Example: The rabbit jumped quickly.



In this example, “quickly” is an adverb because it is used to modify the verb “jumped”.

Example: Albert Einstein was a very smart mathematician.

In this example, “very” is an adverb because it is used to modify the adjective “smart”.

Example: It started to rain just after the clouds appeared.

In this example, “just” is an adverb because it is used to modify the conjunction “after”.

Example: Jonas usually does his homework.

In this example, “usually” is a (frequency) adverb because it is used to modify the verb “does”.

Directions: Underline the adverbs in the following sentences.

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| 1) The fire spread rapidly. | 10) Jenna is always so late. |
| 2) Astronauts are really cool. | 11) Will you please just leave me alone? |
| 3) He did rather well on the test. | 12) The race car is extremely fast. |
| 4) He told us to talk quietly in the library. | 13) He seldom did poorly on tests. |
| 5) We swam right before the storm. | 14) Blue is definitely my favorite color. |
| 6) The old man drank the juice slowly. | 15) He carried the bowl of soup very carefully. |
| 7) It is exactly 3:00 in the afternoon. | 16) It is getting rather late. |
| 8) The cat quickly pounced on the mouse. | 17) I am never leaving. |
| 9) We walked happily through the forest. | 18) When will we finally be done? |

Directions: Now make your own sentences. Try to use adverbs.

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