18.2 Adverbs (Modifying Adjectives and Other Adverbs)

- Practice 1

Adverbs Modifying Adjectives An adverb modifying an adjective answers only one question: To what extent?

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Adverbs Modifying Other Adverbs An adverb modifying another adverb also answers just one question: To what extent?

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Exercise 1 Recognizing the Words Adverbs Modify. On each blank at the right, write whether each underlined adverb modifies an adjective or another adverb.

EXAMPLE: The President was extremely upset by the news leak. adjective

1. The end (of the movie) was rather unsatisfying. II
2. Alison will almost certainly finish the course. VII
3. That is an exceptionally good novel. III
4. The alarm clock hardly ever wakes me up. VII
5. Dad seemed genuinely surprised by the party. IV
6. The mayor was quite strongly opposed to the new law. II
7. The patient seemed somewhat stronger today. III
8. Hardly any cookies were left over. III
9. The student worked very diligently. VI
10. That building is extraordinarily beautiful. II

Exercise 2 Adding Adverbs to Sentences. Fill in the blank in each sentence with an adverb that answers the question To what extent? Underline the word it modifies.

EXAMPLE: Not many people attended the concert.

1. The bride looked ________________ beautiful.
2. The earthquake ________________ completely destroyed the city.
3. Several people were ________________ unhappy about the decision.
4. The situation seemed ________________ hopeless.
5. The hedge ________________ partially hid the town dump.
6. ________________ early this morning, the repair crew arrived.
7. Mr. Hillyer looks ________________ tired today.
8. Jerry is ________________ always on time for appointments.
9. We were ________________ thoroughly confused by the diagrams.
10. Her compliment sounded ________________ sincere.
Exercise 1  Recognizing Adverbs That Modify Adjectives.  Underline the adverb in each sentence. Then circle the adjective it modifies.

**EXAMPLE:** This soup is extremely **hot**.
1. That child seems unusually bright.
2. Are you nearly ready for the party?
3. The road was barely visible through the dense fog.
4. Your answer is partially correct.
5. The candidate was thoroughly upset by the question.
7. The auditorium was almost full on opening night.
8. The doctors remained somewhat hopeful.
9. A very sharp noise woke us at three a.m.
10. I was especially happy to see Gladys.
11. (As a basketball coach, Pat is quite talented.)
12. The rock concert was surprisingly brief.
13. Cynthia was an exceptionally beautiful baby.
14. The skier was particularly careful near the trees.
15. The conductor was visibly moved by the music.

Exercise 2  Recognizing Adverbs That Modify Other Adverbs.  Underline the adverb that modifies another adverb in each sentence. Then circle the adverb it modifies.

**EXAMPLE:** The movie ended too **quickly**.
1. The flood waters spread very rapidly.
2. The train arrived unusually late.
3. The horse ran surprisingly fast.
4. The dog moved somewhat closer to the squirrel.
5. The turtle moved more quickly than we had expected.
6. Arnold just barely finished in time.
7. Clare speaks more clearly than her brother.
8. The cookies are almost completely gone.
9. The jury reached its verdict unexpectedly soon.
10. Please move the couch farther forward.
11. Stan takes himself too seriously.
12. The speaker pronounced every word very carefully.
14. The car was moving frighteningly fast.
15. The driver applied the brakes quite suddenly.