

18.2 Adverbs (Adverb or Adjective?) • Practice 1

Adverb or Adjective? Some words can be either adjectives or adverbs. Remember that an adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. An adjective modifies a noun or a pronoun.

Adverbs	Adjectives
The train arrived <u>late</u> .	I took the <u>late</u> train.
Cheetahs run <u>fast</u> .	Cheetahs are <u>fast</u> .

 - Adjective
 - Adverb

Exercise 1 Distinguishing Between Adjectives and Adverbs. Write whether the underlined word in each sentence is an adjective or an adverb.

EXAMPLE: The children seemed excited. adjective

- The lions ate greedily. VI
- Glynnis regretted her past mistakes. VIII
- My cousin is an only child. III
- Pamela always studies very hard. VI
- Early dinner guests can be quite unnerving. II
- We have only enough money to get home. VII
- The judge's decision seemed just. IV
- The Olympic torch went past too quickly. VI
- I never get up early (on weekends.) VI
- My grandmother has just arrived (for a visit.) VII

Exercise 2 Adding Adverbs and Adjectives to Sentences. If an adjective is needed in a sentence below, write the word given in parentheses in the blank. If an adverb is needed, add *-ly* to the given word.

EXAMPLE: Dad told the story amusingly. (amusing)

- The children seemed _____ to please the teacher. (eager)
- Ms. Bascomb always walks with a _____ step. (quick)
- The parents looked _____ at their sleeping infant. (fond)
- The speaker _____ approached the microphone. (nervous)
- My aunt is quite _____ of artichokes. (fond)
- Paul felt _____ about his unkind remark. (bad)
- After our hot walk, we _____ drank the lemonade. (eager)
- Many actors feel _____ just before curtain time. (nervous)
- The waiter brought our food _____. (prompt)
- The child behaved _____ during the play. (bad)

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Adverbs (Adverb or Adjective?) • Practice 2

Exercise 1 Distinguishing Between Adverbs and Adjectives. Write whether the underlined word in each sentence is an *adjective* or an *adverb*.

EXAMPLE: Agnes looks exceptionally happy today. adverb

1. I spoke too hastily. VI
2. Faith always avoids early classes. VII
3. Jesse seems (like a very friendly person.) VI
4. The lawyer argued her case convincingly. VII
5. Alice took the late bus back (to Minneapolis). VII
6. Many (of the guests) stayed very late. VI
7. Sid offered me a little brotherly advice. VIII
8. Yesterday's game was a close one. III
9. Christine is extremely athletic. II
10. Mr. Hawkes gave us a neighborly wave. VIII
11. This past year has been a busy one. III
12. My French teacher lives close (to the school.) VI
13. We waited eagerly for the election results. VI
14. A butterfly just flew past. VI
15. Lancelot's courtly gesture pleased King Arthur. VII
16. The cyclists began (at a leisurely speed.) VI
17. The audience applauded enthusiastically. VI
18. Sedwick's punishment was only fair. II
19. Her stately appearance (on stage) surprised us all. VII
20. The President openly admitted his mistake. VII

adjective

adverb

Exercise 2 Using Adverbs in Sentences. Complete each sentence by writing one adverb in each blank.

EXAMPLE: The story of Helen Keller's life is truly inspiring.

- (1) Illness _____ destroyed Helen Keller's sight and hearing when she was eighteen months old. (2) For _____ five years, she lived in a dark, silent world, shrieking _____ when she was unhappy or wanted something. (3) Her father _____ hired Anne Sullivan to teach Helen. (4) _____, Anne managed to establish contact with Helen. (5) She spelled words _____ on Helen's hand with her fingers.
- (6) Helen _____ made the connection between the words spelled on her hand and the things the words stood for. (7) Her progress _____ became _____ rapid. (8) She _____ learned how to speak _____.
- (9) With Anne Sullivan to interpret the lectures, Helen _____ completed her degree at Radcliffe College in 1904. (10) For the rest of her life, Helen worked _____ to improve conditions for other blind and deaf-blind people.