

TIP SHEET

Adverbs

Adverbs are words that modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs.

- Adverbs usually answer one of the following questions in a sentence: *How? When? Where? To what extent? How often?*

Meg walked slowly. (how)

He will arrive soon. (when)

Tim stood there. (where)

She completely believed Todd's excuse. (to what extent)

She works out daily. (how often)

- Many adverbs modify verbs. An adverb that modifies a verb can appear almost anywhere in a sentence.

Finally, she finished her report.

She finally finished her report.

She finished her report finally.

- An adverb that modifies an adjective or another adverb usually comes directly before the word it modifies.

Grammar is an extremely important subject. (adverb modifying adjective)

You must speak very clearly into the microphone. (adverb modifying adverb)

- Many, but not all, adverbs end in *-ly*. Following are some examples of common adverbs:

almost

always

calmly

clearly

completely

easily

entirely

extremely

here

often

politely

quite

really

recently

so

soon

suddenly

then

there

totally

very

when

where

yet
