

Adverbs

APSU Writing Center Handout

An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, adjective, clause, or another adverb. Adverbs often describe how, when, where, how often, or to what degree something happens.

Conjunctive Adverbs

Connects two independent clauses or links ideas between sentences.

Shows a logical relationship such as cause and effect, contrast, sequence, or comparison.

- **Example:** Joey was playing in the sandbox. **Meanwhile**, his brother Noah was sleeping in a hammock.
- **Examples:** also, consequently, finally, furthermore, hence, however, indeed, likewise, etc.

Adverbs of Frequency

Tells how often or how frequently something happens.

Describes habits, routines, or repeated actions.

- **Example:** **Sometimes**, Carter gets coffee for his coworkers.
- **Examples:** always, annually, constantly, daily, eventually, ever, frequently, monthly, etc.

Adverbs of Time

Tells when or for how long something happens.

Describes specific times, durations, or sequences of events

- **Example:** We are going to the Writing Center tomorrow.

- **Examples:** afterwards, already, immediately, later, now, soon, today, then, etc.

Adverbs of Manner

Tells how something happens or is done. Often ends in -ly and adds vivid detail to descriptions.

- **Example:** They dress elegantly.
- **Examples:** angrily, beautifully, carefully, neatly, easily, gracefully, loudly, quietly, etc.

Adverbs of Degree

Tells what extent or how much something happens.

Modifies verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs to indicate intensity or emphasis.

- **Example:** The movie was **very** interesting.
- **Examples:** almost, barely, completely, fairly, hardly, quite, rather, really, so, too, etc.

Adverbs of Place

Tells where something happens or the direction or distance of an action.

- **Example:** I can't find my keys **anywhere**.
- **Examples:** above, abroad, anywhere, below, down, here, in, inside, out, outside, there, etc.

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