

## THE ADVERB

**An adverb is a word used to modify a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.** As its name suggests, an adverb usually tells something about a verb. It may tell (1) **how**, (2) **when**, (3) **where**, or (4) **how much** or **how often** the action of the verb occurs.

<b>HOW</b>	Watch <u>closely</u> .
<b>WHEN</b>	We won <u>recently</u> .
<b>WHERE</b>	Hang the picture <u>there</u> .
<b>HOW OFTEN</b>	Carl <u>usually</u> walks to school.

Circle the adverb in each sentence. Draw an arrow to the verb it modifies. In the space at the right state what the adverb tells: how, when, where, how much or how often.

1. The big drawing always attracts a crowd at the county fair. \_\_\_\_\_
2. For weeks, merchants cheerfully give numbered tickets with purchases. \_\_\_\_\_
3. My cousin Stephanie and I finally collected forty tickets. \_\_\_\_\_
4. "If we're lucky," I often told Stephanie, "we will win a beautiful new car."  
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5. Saturday came, and we merrily waded through the crowd at the fair. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Rules stated that the holders of the winning tickets must be there. \_\_\_\_\_
7. At midnight, the men promptly started the drawing. \_\_\_\_\_
8. "The winner of the new Ford is 699-3434!" barked the announcer.  
"Will the holder of that number come forward?" \_\_\_\_\_
9. I squealed delightedly, for Stephanie had that ticket. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Stephanie then surprised everyone. \_\_\_\_\_
11. She walked slowly to the platform for her prize. \_\_\_\_\_
12. "I can't drive my new car," she moaned unhappily. \_\_\_\_\_

Most adverbs modify verbs, but a few are commonly used to modify an adjective.

Example: We saw a **very good** movie.

In this sentence, you can spot **good** as an adjective modifying "movie." The adverb **very** modifies the adjective **good**, telling what degree it is good. Other adverbs commonly used to modify adjectives are **so, too, rather, fairly, somewhat, quite, almost, extremely, and unusually**.