

## Parts of Speech - Adverbs

- Almost all words have a “part of speech”. Which part of speech a word has depends on how it is used in a sentence. Here is a list of the eight parts of speech:

**Noun Verb Adjective Adverb Conjunction Preposition Pronoun Interjection**

**Adverb:** An adverb is a word or phrase that is used to modify a verb, adjective, or another adverb. Sometimes an adverb is used to modify a conjunction, preposition, or infinitive verb. Most (but not all) adverbs end in “ly”.

**Example:** The rabbit jumped quickly.



In this example, “quickly” is an adverb because it is used to modify the verb “jumped”.

**Example:** Albert Einstein was a very smart mathematician.

In this example, “very” is an adverb because it is used to modify the adjective “smart”.

**Example:** It started to rain just after the clouds appeared.

In this example, “just” is an adverb because it is used to modify the conjunction “after”.

**Example:** Jonas usually does his homework.

In this example, “usually” is a (frequency) adverb because it is used to modify the verb “does”.

**Directions:** Underline the adverbs in the following sentences.

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| 1) The fire spread rapidly.                   | 10) Jenna is always so late.                    |
| 2) Astronauts are really cool.                | 11) Will you please just leave me alone?        |
| 3) He did rather well on the test.            | 12) The race car is extremely fast.             |
| 4) He told us to talk quietly in the library. | 13) He seldom did poorly on tests.              |
| 5) We swam right before the storm.            | 14) Blue is definitely my favorite color.       |
| 6) The old man drank the juice slowly.        | 15) He carried the bowl of soup very carefully. |
| 7) It is exactly 3:00 in the afternoon.       | 16) It is getting rather late.                  |
| 8) The cat quickly pounced on the mouse.      | 17) I am never leaving.                         |
| 9) We walked happily through the forest.      | 18) When will we finally be done?               |

**Directions:** Now make your own sentences. Try to use adverbs.

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