

18.2 Adverbs (Modifying Verbs) • Practice 1

Adverbs Modifying Verbs An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. An adverb modifying a verb answers the question *Where? When? In what manner? or To what extent?*

ADVERBS MODIFYING VERBS		
Where?	looked <i>around</i>	turned <i>right</i>
When?	awoke <i>early</i>	arrived <i>yesterday</i>
In What Manner?	<i>easily</i> won	ran <i>fast</i>
To What Extent?	had <i>barely</i> touched	<i>thoroughly</i> understood

Exercise 1 Recognizing Adverbs That Modify Verbs. Underline the adverb that modifies a verb in each sentence. On each line at the right, write the question the adverb answers.

EXAMPLE: I have seldom seen a better performance. when

- The ice storm completely destroyed several buildings. _____
- The emergency crew arrived promptly. _____
- New condominiums will be built nearby. _____
- Leave the packages here. _____
- The aerialist cautiously tiptoed across the rope. _____
- The sailor pulled the anchor up. _____
- Our neighbors will be moving away. _____
- The children laughed hard at the clown's pranks. _____
- Ellen spelled one word incorrectly. _____
- Did you return the call immediately? _____

Exercise 2 Adding Adverbs to Modify Verbs. Fill in the blank in each sentence below with an adverb that modifies the verb.

EXAMPLE: We usually go away during the month of August.

- The plane gradually moved _____.
- The guests _____ ate anything that was offered.
- The writer worked _____ on the revisions.
- Several musicians will perform _____.
- Our connecting flight from Chicago arrived _____.
- Phyllis solved every problem _____.
- My grandfather _____ does the Sunday crossword puzzle.
- The siren wailed _____ in the distance.
- That meat should be cooked _____.
- Please meet me _____.

18.2 Adverbs (Modifying Adjectives and Other Adverbs) • Practice 1

Adverbs Modifying Adjectives An adverb modifying an adjective answers only one question: *To what extent?*

MODIFYING ADJECTIVES	
<i>too</i> eager	<i>very</i> far
<i>slightly</i> nervous	<i>nearly</i> ready

Adverbs Modifying Other Adverbs An adverb modifying another adverb also answers just one question: *To what extent?*

MODIFYING ADVERBS	
worked <i>very</i> carefully	followed <i>too</i> closely
visits <i>almost</i> daily	<i>only</i> slightly hungry

Exercise 1 Recognizing the Words Adverbs Modify. On each blank at the right, write whether each underlined adverb modifies an adjective or another adverb.

EXAMPLE: The President was extremely upset by the news leak. adjective

- The end of the movie was rather unsatisfying. _____
- Alison will almost certainly finish the course. _____
- That is an exceptionally good novel. _____
- The alarm clock hardly ever wakes me up. _____
- Dad seemed genuinely surprised by the party. _____
- The mayor was quite strongly opposed to the new law. _____
- The patient seemed somewhat stronger today. _____
- Hardly any cookies were left over. _____
- The student worked very diligently. _____
- That building is extraordinarily beautiful. _____

Exercise 2 Adding Adverbs to Sentences. Fill in the blank in each sentence with an adverb that answers the question *To what extent?* Underline the word it modifies.

EXAMPLE: Not many people attended the concert.

- The bride looked _____ beautiful.
- The earthquake _____ completely destroyed the city.
- Several people were _____ unhappy about the decision.
- The situation seemed _____ hopeless.
- The hedge _____ partially hid the town dump.
- _____ early this morning, the repair crew arrived.
- Mr. Hillyer looks _____ tired today.
- Jerry is _____ always on time for appointments.
- We were _____ thoroughly confused by the diagrams.
- Her compliment sounded _____ sincere.