

ADVERBS

These words change – VERBS, ADJECTIVES or ANOTHER ADVERB.

They are used to give more information about what is being spoken about:

VERBS = John speaks loudly.

ADJECTIVES = John is really handsome.

ANOTHER ADVERB = John drives incredibly slowly.

Many adverbs end with 'ly' so they are often easy to see. You can make these words by adding 'ly' to the end of an adjective:

quickly, softly, strongly, honestly, interestingly

But not all words that end in 'ly' are adverbs. For example, these words are adjectives:

friendly, kindly, lonely

Some adverbs have no particular form:

Never, always, often, still

Some can even be both adjectives and adverbs:

well, fast, hard, late, early, daily

In order to tell the difference, you need to look at how the word is being used in a sentence.

Adverbs most often answer the question How, When, Why, How often, or Where? something happens:

How does John speak Spanish? He speaks Spanish fluently.

When did he send the e-mail? He sent it yesterday.

Why are you going to London? I am going to London so that I can visit my family.

How often do you go to the cinema? I usually go every weekend.

Where do the kids play football? They play football here.

They have different positions in a sentence. When you are using more than one adverb generally we use this order:

how + where + when

