

Adverbs

Adverbs tell us more about how the verb is performed. They make the verb stronger.

Sometimes they are next to the verb: *I listened attentively.*

Sometimes the adverb is somewhere else in the sentence: *She put down the vase carefully.*

slowly	gently	angrily	loudly	greedily	sadly
sweetly	anxiously	accurately	quietly	noisily	firmly
badly	happily	carefully	tiredly	nastily	tightly

Use the adverbs in the box to strengthen the verbs in these sentences:

1. Sally ran down the road.
2. The children played in the street.
3. Jane sang a song for her mother's birthday.
4. The little girl picked up the kitten.
5. He drove round the corner.
6. The two boys climbed the hill.
7. Robert threw the ball into the net.
8. Sue took the child by the hand.
9. We looked at the clock.
10. I picked up the vase.
11. She told me to leave.
12. The old lady stroked the cat.
13. Lucy spoke to her sister.
14. He tucked into a huge hamburger.
15. Jane opened the door.
16. He looked over his shoulder to see her leave.
17. Linda opened the letter.
18. Sally put the baby on the sofa.



KEY

Here are some example answers.

1. Sally ran down the road *happily/sadly/anxiously*.
2. The children played *noisily/happily* in the street.
3. Jane *sweetly* sang a song for her mother's birthday.
4. The little girl *carefully* picked up the kitten.
5. He drove *slowly/quietly/carefully* round the corner.
6. The two boys climbed the hill *tiredly/carefully*.
7. Robert threw the ball *accurately* into the net.
8. Sue took the child *firmly* by the hand.
9. We looked *sadly/tiredly* at the clock.
10. I *carefully/firmly/gently* picked up the vase.
11. She *angrily/nastily* told me to leave.
12. The old lady *gently* stroked the cat.
13. Lucy spoke to her sister *nastily/angrily/sweetly*.
14. He tucked into a huge hamburger *greedily*.
15. Jane *gently* opened the door.
16. He looked over his shoulder *sadly/anxiously* to see her leave.
17. Linda *anxiously/carefully/gently* opened the letter.
18. Sally *gently* put the baby on the sofa.