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Adverbs p. 100

Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives and other adverbs.

1)Adverbs add to the meaning of the verbs

Ex. She drives quickly.

Quickly is an adverb that adds to the meaning of the verb drives

Adverbs

- Ex. We arrived early.
- Early functions as an adverb that modifies the verb arrived.
- It tells us when the action of the verb was performed.

- Ex. Write your name there.
- There is an adverb. It adds to the meaning of the verb write. It tells us where the action of the verb is to be performed

Adverbs

- One of the jobs of the adverbs is to indicate how, when, or where the actions of the verb are performed.
- Adverbs are often used in asking questions:
- 1. The manner in which the action is performed (how?)
- 2. The time at which the action is performed (when?)
- 3. The place at which the action is performed (where?)
- 4. The reason for which the action is performed (why?)

2)Adverbs add to the meanings of adjectives

- Examples:
- Is this room too hot for you?

Hot is adjective modifying the noun "room". The word "too" functions as an adverb modifying the adjective "hot".

• You are quite right.

The word "Right" is an adjective. "Quite" functions as an adverb modifying the adjective "right".

3)Adverbs add to the meanings of other adverbs

- Examples:
- He arrived too late.
- The sentence has two adverbs. The word "late" is an adverb modifying the action of verb arrived. The word "Too" also functions as an adverb. It adds to the meaning of the adverb "late".
- She paints extremely well.
- The sentence has two adverbs. The word "well" is an adverb modifying the action denoted by the verb paints. The word "extremely" also functions as an adverb. It adds to the meaning of the adverb "well."

Is it an adjective or an adverb?

• They arrived at the theatre late.

The word "late" is an adverb modifying the action denoted by the verb "arrived."

• Their late arrival disturbs us.

• The word "late" is an adjective modifying the noun "arrival".

Test1 P. 104

- Please read the exercises on page 104. Identify the adverbs in these sentences and name the verb, adjective or adverb modified by each.
- The first sentence is done for you.
- Did you have to wait long?

The word "long" is a adverb. It modifies the verb "wait".

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Test 2 P.104

• Read the sentences on page 104, then decide which of the *italicized* words are adjectives and which are adverbs? Give reasons for your answers. The first pair of sentences are done for you!

• 1. The favourite came *last* in the three o'clock race.

The word "last" functions an adverb. It modifies the verb "came".

• 2. The favourite was the *last* horse in the three o'clock race.

The word "last" functions as an adjectives because it modifies the noun "horse".

Test 2

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Thank You

All the best!

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