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### Adverbs

Adverbs are used to modify the meaning of a verb, adjective, or another adverb. Adverbs can also demonstrate degrees of comparison.

#### Modify:

To modify the meaning of a verb, adjective, or another adverb, add “-ly” to the end of an adjective.

Example: Slow—Slowly

Consider this sentence: The turtle was *slow*.

Here, *slow* is an adjective, it describes the noun (the turtle).

Now consider this sentence: The turtle moved *slowly*.

Here, “-ly” was added to the adjective (slow) to form the adverb (slowly). Slowly now modifies the verb (moved).

#### Compare:

Adverbs can show degrees of comparison like the adjective being modified.

Example: Beautifully, more beautifully, or most beautiful

Consider: The pianist played *beautifully*.

The violinist played *more beautifully*.

The singer performed *most beautifully*.

These adverbs compare the performances of three musicians.