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### **Adverbs**

Adverbs are used to modify or show the degree of comparison for a verb, adjective, or another adverb.

#### **Modify:**

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

Adjective “slow” becomes an adverb “slowly” when adding “ly.”

Example of an adjective: The turtle was *slow*. Here, *slow* is an adjective describing the turtle.

Example of an adverb: 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 beautifully

Consider: The pianist played *beautifully*.

The violinist played *more beautifully*.

The singer performed *most beautifully*.

These adverbs compare the performances of three musicians.