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Adverbs, Adverbial Phrases and Fronted Adverbials

Recap

Adverbs give us more information about:

- **Verbs** (action or doing words/to show states of being)
- **Adjectives** (describing words)
- Other **adverbs**
- Whole clauses

Let's explore how...



Adverbs can give us more information about **verbs** (an action, doing or state word).

Jessica shouted **cheerfully**.

What other adverbs could you use to say how Jessica shouted?

Jessica shouted _____.

Adverbs can give us more information about **adjectives**
(describing words).

The Sun is **extremely** bright.

What other adverbs could you
use to describe how bright the
sun is?

The Sun is _____ bright.



Adverbs can give us more information about other **adverbs**.

The dog sat **very quietly**.



Can you use 'very' to modify any other adverbs?

Adverbs can modify whole clauses.

Unfortunately, the school was closed.



What other adverbs could you use to modify the clause
'the school was closed'?

Adverbial Phrases

We can also use **phrases** rather than **single adverbs** to modify clauses. These are called **adverbial phrases**. Adverbial phrases do not usually contain a verb.

For example:



Zoe rode her bike **with excitement**.

Zoe rode her bike **down the road**.

Zoe rode her bike **like an expert**.

Can you make your own adverbial phrase to modify this clause?

'Tom ate his lunch _____.'

Fronted Adverbials

This is a complicated name for something very simple!

Sometimes an adverb or adverbial phrase can come before the verb instead of after.

For example:

Zoe rode her bike like an expert.

Could be changed to:

Like an expert, Zoe rode her bike.

A **comma** always comes after a fronted adverbial.

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