



## What are adverbs?

Adverbs are words that **tell us more about verbs** - they **add** information to the verb.

(A verb is a 'doing' word or a 'being' word: eg walk, feel.)

Using adverbs makes your sentences **more interesting**. Any verb you use can have an **adverb** added:

The girl smiled **nervously**.  
The boy grinned **sheepishly**.  
The light shone **feebly**.

We use adverbs:

- To say **how** something happens:  
The family walk (how?) **quickly**.
- To say **where** or **when** something happens:  
I met him (when?) **yesterday**.
- To say **how often** something happens:  
She gets the bus (how often?) **daily**.
- To make the meaning of an adjective, adverb or verb **stronger** or **weaker**:  
Dave eats (degree?) **more slowly** than his wife.

Adverbs are **often created from adjectives** (describing words that tell you more about nouns) by adding **-ly** to the end of the adjective: For example:

**slow** becomes **slowly**: Joe is a **slow** person. He walks **slowly**.

Certain words change when they become adverbs. If an adjective ends in a 'y' you need to change the 'y' to an 'i' before adding '-ly'. For example:

**happy** becomes **happily**  
**heavy** becomes **heavily**