Adverb

Definition

An adverb is a word that modifies the meaning of a verb, adjective, or another adverb. It gives us more information about how, when, where, how often, or to what extent something happens.

Examples of Adverbs in Sentences

- She sings sweetly. (modifies the verb "sings")
- He is very sweet. (modifies the adjective "sweet")
- He did the work very well. (modifies the adverb "well")

Kinds of Adverbs

1. Adverbs of Manner

o Tell how an action is done.

Example: He spoke politely.

Question answered: How?

2. Adverbs of Place

o Tell where an action happens.

Example: They played outside.

Question answered: Where?

3. Adverbs of Time

o Tell when an action happens.

Example: She arrived yesterday.

Question answered: When?

Points to Remember

- Adverbs can describe verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs.
- Most adverbs of manner end in -ly (e.g., quickly, bravely).

4. Adverbs of Frequency

o Tell how often an action happens.

Example: He always tells the truth.

Question answered: How often?

5. Adverbs of Degree (or Quantity)

o Tell how much or to what extent.

Example: I am fully satisfied.

Question answered: To what degree?

• Some adverbs (like very, never, almost) don't follow a pattern.

Formation of Adverbs

Many adverbs are formed by adding -ly or -y to adjectives:

Adjective	Adverb
slow	slowly
brave	bravely
happy	happily
neat	neatly
clear	clearly
kind	kindly
sad	sadly

Practice Questions

A. Identify the adverb and its kind:

- 1. She danced gracefully. \rightarrow Adverb: gracefully \rightarrow Kind: Manner
- 2. Come here. \rightarrow Adverb: here \rightarrow Kind: Place
- 3. He arrived early. \rightarrow Adverb: early \rightarrow Kind: Time
- 4. I never lie. → Adverb: never → Kind: Frequency
- 5. He is extremely tired. \rightarrow Adverb: extremely \rightarrow Kind: Degree

B. Make adverbs from these adjectives:

- 1. quick \rightarrow quickly
- 2. easy \rightarrow easily
- 3. whole \rightarrow wholly
- 4. close \rightarrow closely

C. Use the adverb in a sentence:

- 1. wisely \rightarrow He acted wisely in that situation.
- 2. always \rightarrow She always completes her homework.

