Study Guide

Adverbs
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**Adverbs - E**Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs by answering the questions how, when, where, how much, or to what extent.

Adverb Types

1) Adverb modifying a verb
 The bird flew QUICKLY across the field.
(The adverb "quickly" describes the verb "flew")

2) Adverb modifying an adjective
 My little brother is AMAZINGLY intelligent.
(The adverb "amazingly" describes the adjective "intelligent")

3) Adverb modifying another adverb
 The lost kitten was found VERY quickly.
(The adverb "very" describes the adverb "quickly")

A positive adverb is used to describe one thing. A comparative adverb is used when comparing two things. A superlative adverb is used when comparing more than two things.
1) Positive - fast / cautiously2) Comparative - faster / more cautiously3) Superlative - fastest / most cautiously

A few adverbs, however, are compared irregularly. These include:
Positive Adverbs
well, badly, far, little, much

Comparative Adverbs
better, worse, less, more

Superlative Adverbs
best, worst, least, most

**Practice:**

At this level, the student should be able to identify an adverb and the word it modifies. This simple exercise will allow him or her to master this understanding.

For the following sentences, circle the adverbs. Then, draw an arrow from each adverb back to the word it modifies. Here are some sample sentences. The student may obtain more sentences to practice with from his or her textbooks, newspapers, magazines, or other reading materials.

1)Compared to my brilliant younger brother, I fared much worse on the state exams.
2)The two officers were fatally wounded in the robbery.
3)Yoanna told the story most truthfully of all the witnesses, and her facts helped the officers create a composite sketch of the criminal.
4)Silently, Thayer crept up the dark staircase, hoping to catch a glimpse of something mysterious.
5)The judges decision was rendered unjustly, and we decided to protest.
6)I remember Mika more fondly than anyone else I met during that wonderful summer.