

2.5 ADVERBS

Adverb is a word used to add something to a meaning of a verb, adjective, or another adverb.

Eg: He wrote the answer correctly.

‘**correctly**’ is the adverb that adds meaning to the verb ‘**wrote**’

The answer is quite correct.

‘**quite**’ is the adverb adding meaning to adjective ‘**correct**’

She wrote the exam very well.

‘**very**’ is the adverb adding meaning to the adverb ‘**well**’

1) **Adverb of Manner**- swiftly, happily, quickly, hard, well, fast, etc.,

- a) The dog is barking loudly.
- b) He deals honestly with customers.
- c) She spoke loudly.
- d) He behaved foolishly.

2) **Adverb of Place** – here, there, hence, thence, hither, thither, in, out, within, without, above, below, inside, under, outside, far, near, everywhere, up, away, backward, etc.,

- a) Let us rest here.
- b) He is planning to go there.
- c) The book is under the table.
- d) My house is near the market.

3) Adverb of Time – now, then, before, since, ago, already, soon, presently, immediately, instantly, early, late, afterwards, yesterday, today, tomorrow, lately, daily, formerly, never, etc.,

- a) He met her some time ago.
- b) She will soon arrive.
- c) The doctor has already come.
- d) He was taken ill yesterday.

4) Adverb of degree – fairly, hardly, quite, too, very, much, almost, little, a little, rather, somewhat, half, partly, wholly, so, etc.,

- a) He is a very handsome boy.

She is clever enough for me.

- b) Rajagopal is quite an intelligent boy.
- c) His attitude could fairly be described as hostile.

5) Interrogative Adverb – when? where? why? etc.,

- a) How long will you remain here?
- b) Where do you want to go?
- c) How many students attended the class today?
- d) Why did he do that?
- e) How much did you solve the sums?

6) Relative Adverb – when, where, why, etc.,

- a) This is where we work.
- b) Let us know when you will leave.
- c) This is the reason why he refused to accompany me.

7) **Sentence Adverb** – apparently, probably, certainly, in fact, really, undoubtedly, etc.,

- a) He had apparently escaped by bribing a guard.
- b) I will certainly do it.
- c) The painting is undoubtedly genuine.
- d) He is probably stuck in a traffic jam.

Some adverbs:

Beautifully, Brilliantly, Very, Perfectly, Correctly, Well, Frequently, Loudly, Softly, Late, easily, effectively, rapidly, comfortably

Exercise:

1. He played the flute _____
2. She danced _____ on the college day.
3. I have solved the program _____
4. He speaks English _____
5. He called her son _____
6. He arrived _____ in the evening.
7. He _____ visits her house.
8. I answered all the questions as it was _____ easy.