

# adverbs

An **adverb** tells you more about a verb, an adjective or another adverb.

The following sentence makes sense on its own, but it gives you very little information:

**Ranjit ran.**

You can explain *how, where, when* and *why* Ranjit ran, by using adverbs.

**Ranjit ran home** (*where*) **eagerly** (*how*) **at noon** (*when*).

**Ranjit ran around** (*where*) **worriedly** (*how*) **all day** (*when*).

Adverbs can tell you *how* something happens.

**The explorers plodded slowly, silently and wearily.**

They are useful for showing how people speak.

**He asked anxiously, 'When can I go home?'**

**He said cheerfully, 'You can go soon.'**

Adverbs can tell you *where* something happens.

**They went outside and looked up at the sky.**

Adverbs can tell you *when* something happens.

**They arrived late and left early.**

Adverbs can tell you *how often* something happens.

**I often watch TV, but I never watch horror films.**

Other adverbs that tell you how often something happens are **always, often, frequently, usually, regularly, normally, sometimes, occasionally, seldom, rarely, hardly ever, never.**

Adverbs can also tell you *how much* or *to what extent* something happens.

They give more information about other adverbs or adjectives.

**I woke up fairly early.**

**The shelf was too high to reach.**