

## What you need to know:

### 1. Adverbs tell this information about a sentence:

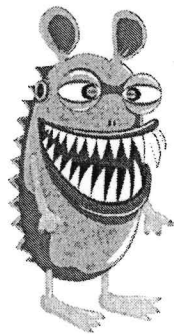
- a. HOW someone is doing something
- b. TO WHAT EXTENT something is happening
- c. WHERE the sentence is taking place
- d. WHEN a sentence is taking place

### 2. Adverbs work alone.

If it takes a phrase to answer the adverb question, then it's not an adverb.

### 3. THESE words are ALWAYS adverbs:


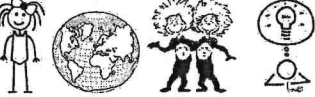






*not ~ -n't ~ very ~ quite ~ really ~ always ~ too ~ also ~ never*



# ADVERBS—The Leftovers of Language

“What’s *that*?” you ask.

If you can’t identify a part of speech right off the bat, chances are you’re looking at an ADVERB.

 <p><b>NOUN</b> person / place / thing / idea</p> <p><b>JOBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*subject</li> <li>*direct object</li> <li>*indirect object</li> <li>*predicate nominative</li> <li>*object of prep phrase</li> </ul>	 <p><b>PRONOUN</b> person / place~ / thing / idea I-you-he-she-it-they (~sometimes “there” or “here” act as pronouns, but usually they are ADVERBS)</p> <p><b>JOBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*subject</li> <li>*direct object</li> <li>*indirect object</li> <li>*predicate nominative</li> <li>*object of prep phrase</li> </ul>	 <p><b>VERB</b> or VERB PHRASE <b>ACTION</b> or <b>LINKING</b></p> <p><b>JOBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*shows <b>action</b> of a subject— <i>visible or mental</i></li> <li>*<b>links</b> a subject to something else— shows it <b>EQUALS</b> another NOUN or an ADJECTIVE</li> </ul>	 <p><b>ADJECTIVE</b> Sits right before object it is describing OR on other side of <b>LINKING VERB</b>.</p> <p><b>JOBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*describes a NOUN or PRONOUN.</li> </ul> <p><b>ANSWERS the questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Which one?</li> <li>*What kind?</li> <li>*How many?</li> </ul>
 <p><b>CONJUNCTION</b></p> <p><b>JOBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*connects two or more items or phrases or clauses together</li> <li>*<b>COORDINATING conjunctions</b> connect <b>EQUAL</b> items, phrases, or clauses (<i>and, but, or, so</i>)</li> <li>*<b>SUBORDINATING CONJUNCTIONS</b> connect a <i>dependent clause</i> to an <i>independent clause</i> (<i>although, whenever, because, etc.</i>)</li> </ul>	 <p><b>INTERJECTION</b></p> <p><b>JOBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*expresses a strong emotion</li> <li>*is set off from main sentence by a comma or an exclamation point</li> </ul>	 <p><b>PREPOSITION</b></p> <p><b>JOBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*pulls its NOUN or PRONOUN object <i>into</i> a sentence</li> <li>*<b>always</b> in a bigger phrase that starts with a preposition and ends with a noun or pronoun</li> <li>*If it <i>isn't</i> followed by an object, then it's NOT a preposition! (See <b>ADVERB</b>)</li> <li>*functions just like <b>ADJECTIVES</b> (<i>Which one? What kind? How many?</i>) and <b>ADVERBS</b> (<i>Where? When? How? How much?</i>)</li> </ul>	 <p><b>ADVERB</b></p> <p><b>JOBS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*does whatever there's left to do in the sentence!</li> <li>*works <b>ALONE</b> (see <i>prepositional phrases</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>ANSWERS the questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*When?</li> <li>*Where?</li> <li>*How?</li> <li>*How much? (To what extent?)</li> </ul>