

Finding Adverbs

FIRST: Follow the steps for finding adjectives.

THEN:

1. For each verb in the sentence, find any words that answer “when,” “where,” or “how” about the verb. Write “ADV” above those words.
(Examples: In “The dog never howled,” the word “never” tells when the dog *howled*.
In “The dog howled here,” the word “here” tells where the dog *howled*.
In “The dog should not have howled,” the word “not” tells how the dog *should have howled*.)
2. For each adjective in the sentence, find any words that answer “how” for the adjective. Write “ADV” above those words.
(Example: In “The really big dog howled,” the word “big” is an ADJECTIVE, and the word “really” is an ADVERB. “Really” answers how *big* the dog is.)
3. Look back at each adverb you have identified for any words that answer “how” or “by how much” for each adverb. Write “ADV” above those words.
(Example: In “The dog almost never howled,” the word “never” is an ADVERB, and so is the word “almost,” since “almost” tells how much the dog *never* howled.)

Other things to know:

- Many adverbs end in *-ly*, but not all do, and not all *-ly* words are adverbs.
- Some words are always adverbs in any sentence. Some common ones to memorize are “not,” “never,” “too,” and “very.”