

Adverbs

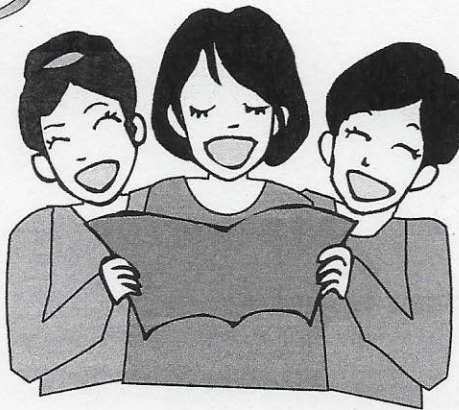
Adverbs are the '-ly' words that say how something was done. They're very useful for describing what happens in stories and poems and making your writing more interesting.

Adverbs describe Verbs

Adverbs describe verbs. They tell you more about how the action was done. Most adverbs end in -ly. Sometimes adverbs can be a group of words.

The Roland sisters sing beautifully.

This tells you how they sing.



This tells you how they learnt the new songs.

They sing like angels in heaven.

This group of words tells you how they sing.

They quickly learnt two new songs.

Adverbs describe Adjectives

Words like 'totally', 'quite' and 'very' are adverbs. They're used with adjectives to show how much the adjective is working on the noun.



a happy dog

happy

This word is working on the noun.



a very happy dog

VERY HAPPY

It's working really hard on the noun now.

Adverbs — they add to verbs...

Adverbs are words that tell you more about a verb or an adjective. It's easy to remember the word if you think of it as something that 'adds' to verbs. You've got to remember they add to adjectives too — that's more tricky, so get it firmly stuck between your ears now.