

## KS2 English Quiz - Adverbs 01 (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz takes a first look at adverbs. Adverbs are words that change verbs, adjectives and other adverbs. Adverbs play several roles in English sentences. One of these is to modify (or change) the verb by making it more precise. For example, 'she stepped stealthily into the room' is not the same as 'she stepped suddenly into the room'. The adverbs, 'stealthily' and 'suddenly', alter the verb 'stepped' to create different effects.

Using adverbs can really improve your writing. As an example, using the adverb 'angrily' in this sentence - 'He angrily kicked the ball' - makes the reader want to read more to find out why he was angry.

See how well you can recognise adverbs by playing this quiz.

1. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
She whispered the secret carefully into her best friend's ear.



- whispered
- carefully
- best
- ear

2. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
"Who broke the dish?" my little brother asked innocently.



- Who
- broke
- little
- innocently

3. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
They gazed absentmindedly at their feet during the teacher's fifth explanation of the work.



- absentmindedly
- fifth
- explanation
- of

4. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
The team played poorly because many players were injured.



- played
- poorly
- players
- were

5. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
The syrup oozed sloppily down the sides of the bottle.



- syrup
- oozed
- sloppily
- of

6. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
He shouted loudly for help.



- He
- shouted
- loudly
- for

7. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
Slipping on the treacherous ice, my sister landed awkwardly.



- Slipping
- treacherous
- landed
- awkwardly

8. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
The nurse spoke gently, but removed the bandage carelessly.



- nurse, gently
- spoke, carelessly
- gently, carelessly
- removed, bandage

9. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
She tried hard, but failed to hit the target.



- hard
- failed
- hit
- the

10. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
The car went so fast, it appeared to be a blur.



- went, fast
- so, fast
- appeared, blur
- be, blur

## KS2 English Quiz - Adverbs 01 (Answers)

1. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
She whispered the secret carefully into her best friend's ear.



- whispered  
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'Carefully' is an example of an adverb which has been formed by adding the suffix, '-ly', to the end of an adjective.

3. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
They gazed absentmindedly at their feet during the teacher's fifth explanation of the work.



- absentmindedly  
 fifth  
 explanation  
 of

The word 'absentmindedly' is 14 letters long and means lost in thought or distractedly.

2. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
"Who broke the dish?" my little brother asked innocently.



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'Innocently' affects the verb 'asked' - it describes how the question was asked.

4. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
The team played poorly because many players were injured.



- played  
 poorly  
 players  
 were

'Poorly' changes the verb 'played' - it describes how the team played.



5. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
The syrup oozed sloppily down the sides of the bottle.



- syrup
- oozed
- sloppily
- of

'Oozed' is the verb and 'sloppily' describes how the syrup oozed.

7. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
Slipping on the treacherous ice, my sister landed awkwardly.



- Slipping
- treacherous
- landed
- awkwardly

'Landed' is the verb and 'awkwardly' describes how she landed.

6. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
He shouted loudly for help.



- He
- shouted
- loudly
- for

I hope someone came to help him!

8. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
The nurse spoke gently, but removed the bandage carelessly.



- nurse, gently
- spoke, carelessly
- gently, carelessly
- removed, bandage

'Gently' describes how the nurse spoke, while 'carelessly' describes how she removed the bandage. Compare the effect of this sentence: The nurse spoke carelessly, but removed the bandage gently.

9. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
She tried hard, but failed to hit the target.



- hard
- failed
- hit
- the

'Hard' changes the verb 'tried', so here it is an adverb. In the phrase, 'the hard ground', 'hard' is an adjective because it describes the noun 'ground'.

10. Find the adverbs in the following sentence.  
The car went so fast, it appeared to be a blur.



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- so, fast
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'So' and 'fast' are both adverbs here.