

# 1 Here's the Idea

► An adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

We **instantly** recognized Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

ADVERB

VERB

The famous notes rang out **quite** clearly.

ADVERB

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The orchestra waited until the auditorium grew **completely** quiet.

ADVERB

ADJECTIVE

## Adverbs

### Where

The student orchestra stopped **here** during a national tour.

### When

Will they be returning **soon**?

### How

Everyone played **magnificently**.

### To what extent

The auditorium was **completely** full.

Many adverbs are formed by adding *-ly* to adjectives. Sometimes the spelling changes because of this addition.

frequent + *-ly* = **frequently**

extreme + *-ly* = **extremely**

true + *-ly* = **truly**

possible + *-ly* = **possibly**

## Other Commonly Used Adverbs

afterward

fast

low

often

today

already

forth

more

slow

tomorrow

also

hard

near

sometimes

too

back

instead

next

still

yet

even

late

hot

straight

far

long

now

then

An **intensifier** is an adverb that defines the degree of an adjective or another adverb. Intensifiers always precede the adjectives or adverbs they are modifying.

We were **rather** surprised that classical music is **still** popular.

INTENSIFIER

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## Intensifiers

extremely  
just  
more

most  
nearly  
only

quite  
rather  
really

so  
somewhat  
too

truly  
very