

Language Handbook **1** The Parts of Speech

**WORKSHEET 7** Identifying Adverbs

**Exercise A** Each of the following sentences contains an adverb in italics. Draw an arrow from the adverb to the word it modifies. On the line provided, tell whether the modified word is a verb, an adjective, or an adverb.

**EXAMPLES** adjective 1. We saw a *very* uplifting movie.  
verb 2. Luis *usually* plays right field.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Ms. Katz plays tennis *well*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., is an *exceptionally* talented writer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Melba *seldom* loses her head.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Herbert seemed *unusually* happy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Should I slice the ancho chilies *now*?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Tranh cried out, "Don't run *so* fast!"
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. I *always* enjoy Gary Soto's poetry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. A *rather* funny clown was juggling oranges.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. "I'm *too* drowsy for words," Annette yawned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Sue works *unusually* hard on Saturdays.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Fran answered *somewhat* enthusiastically.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Does hay *actually* cause hay fever?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. They play an *extremely* fast game.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. We will play a double-header *tomorrow*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. At formal occasions, Jake speaks *properly*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. The *dangerously* narrow bridge scared me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Can you *really* capture chiggers alive?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. The second speech was *less* interesting.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. He was *fully* aware of his plight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Florence *occasionally* eats sushi.

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**Exercise B** Underline each adverb in the following sentences. Then, circle the word or words the adverb modifies. On the line provided, write whether the adverb tells *how*, *when*, *where*, or *to what extent*.

EXAMPLE \_\_\_\_\_ *when* 1. (Shall)we (leave) now?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Akio arrived early.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I can run faster than you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Lim Sing seems very sure of herself.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Later I believed him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Our soccer team was too slow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Is he always early?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Did you know that your new books are here?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Did you work hard?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Marina has been there.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. This math problem is especially hard.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. The boys work slowly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Well, what shall we do now?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. This Incan pottery was expertly made.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. She will never believe you.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. If you need any help, I will be there.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Emilia danced gracefully.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. After saying goodbye to his mother, Joshua left yesterday for school.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. She learned to make tamales easily.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Carla often goes to jazz concerts.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. The fandango dance troupe rehearsed diligently.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. The rain pounded heavily on the skylights and ran over the tops of the gutters.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Merrilee had soon finished washing the windows, so she polished the mirrors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 23. Will you please get the dog, which is digging in the back yard, and bring it here?
- \_\_\_\_\_ 24. Kirk next diced onions and green peppers and put them into the pot to simmer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 25. The bowl and the beaters used for beating egg whites must be completely free of grease.