ENGLISH

Types of Adverbs

What is an Adverb?

An adverb is a word which tells us more about

- A verb: Amie eats quickly.
- An adverb: The squirrel nibbled quite greedily.
- An adjective: I am very happy.

In the previous classes, you have been taught the following types of adverbs:

- Adverb of time (which show when)
- Adverb of place (which show where)
- Adverb of manner (which show how)
- Adverb of degree (which show to what extent)
- Adverb of frequency (which show how often)

These are also called **simple adverbs**. Let us look at a few examples of each type.

Simple Adverbs

- Adverb of Time
 - I have seen that picture before.
 - The guests arrived <u>late</u>.
 - We shall <u>now</u> begin the competition.
 - She will never return your favour.
- Adverb of Place
 - Swipe your card here.
 - Swati looked around but did not find her mother.
 - I am going back to the library.
 - They looked <u>outside</u> when it started raining.

Simple Adverbs

Adverb of Manner

- The fox looked at Lucy slyly.
- He painted on the canvas beautifully.
- The boy wailed <u>loudly</u> as his mother closed the door.
- The dog drooled at the meat greedily.

Adverb of Degree

- Chetan was very sad after his classmate left school.
- Jeevika <u>almost</u> won the race before she fell on the track.
- This experiment is <u>partly</u> valid.
- Arushi was too frightened to say anything about the incident.

Adverb of Frequency

- Joseph is <u>always</u> worried about his son.
- My dog <u>rarely</u> sleeps all day.
- Kimaya would sometimes sit near the lake in the evenings.
- Rajkamal <u>seldom</u> borrows money from anyone.

Adverbs can also be used in question statements.

Interrogative Adverbs

When an adverb is used in asking questions, it is called an interrogative adverb.

•	Where is the library?	(Interrogative adverb of place)
•	How did you solve this sum?	(Interrogative adverb of manner)
•	When did the glass break?	(Interrogative adverb of time)
•	Why is the room noisy?	(Interrogative adverb of reason)
•	How many candies were sold?	(Interrogative adverb of number)
•	How high is the Qutub Minar?	(Interrogative adverb of degree)

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Adverbs are also used in relative clauses.

Relative Adverbs

- The relative adverb **where** is used to refer to places and means 'in which' or 'at which'.
 - This is the place where Shakespeare was born.
 - That is the section where the gas chambers were installed.
- The relative adverb **when** is used to refer to time and means 'in which' or 'at which'.
 - Night is the time *when* the dog starts howling.
 - Do you remember when you last rode a horse?
- The relative adverb **why** is used to refer to a reason and means 'for which'.
 - I don't know why she stole the book.
 - This is the purpose <u>why</u> the room is locked.

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

Adverbs of **Time** answer the question '**when**' in relation to the verb.

Adverbs of **Place** answer the question 'where' in relation to the verb.

Adverbs of **Manner** answer the question '**how'** in relation to the verb.

Adverbs of **Degree** answer the question 'to what extent' in relation to an adjective, a verb or an adverb.

Adverbs of **Frequency** answer the question 'how often' in relation to a verb.



Interrogative adverbs (when, where, how, why) are used for asking questions.

Relative adverbs (when, where, how, why, how often) refer back to the action in the sentence.