

Lesson 5

Adverbs

Introduction An **adverb** is a word that tells something about a verb, or action.

Many adverbs end in *-ly* and tell *how* or *in what way*. When you write, you can use adverbs to help your readers picture clearly what is happening.

The batter quickly ran to first base.

The umpire watched the runner closely.

- The adverb *quickly* describes the verb *ran*. It tells how the batter ran.
- The adverb *closely* describes the verb *watch*. It tells in what way the umpire watched.

Guided Practice

Underline the adverb in each sentence. Draw an arrow from the adverb to the verb that it tells about.

HINT An adverb can come either before or after the verb it describes. A sentence might say *walked slowly*, or it might say *slowly walked*.

1 Jasmine nervously stood at home plate.

2 Her family shouted her name loudly.

3 She carefully rested the bat against her shoulder.

4 The pitcher gripped the ball tightly and then threw it.

5 Jasmine hit the ball sharply, and it soared toward left field.

6 A player tried to catch the ball but accidentally dropped it.

7 Jasmine easily slid into home base.

8 Her whole team cheered wildly!

Lesson 13

Comparative and Superlative Adjectives and Adverbs

Introduction When you write, you can use adjectives and adverbs to tell how things are alike or different.

- Add *-er* to most adjectives to compare two people, places, or things.
Add *-est* to compare three or more people, places, or things.

cold + er The lake is colder than the pond.

cold + est Of all bodies of water, the ocean is the coldest place to swim.

- Use *more* with adverbs that end in *-ly* to compare two actions.
Use *most* to compare three or more actions.

more + gracefully Emma swims more gracefully than Madison.

most + gracefully Ann swims the most gracefully of all the girls.

Guided Practice

Read each sentence. Circle the correct word or words to complete it.

HINT Never use *more* or *most* together with adjectives that end in *-er* or *-est*.

Correct:
fuller, fullest

Incorrect:
more fuller,
most fullest

- 1 The adults' pool is _____ than the children's pool.

deepest **deeper** more deeply

- 2 My little brother swims _____ than I do.

slowly **more slowly** slowest

- 3 The morning is the _____ time of all at the pool.

most calmest more calm **calmest**

- 4 This lifeguard blows her whistle the _____ of all the guards.

most loudly louder more louder