

## 1.5 Adverbs

An **adverb** is a word that modifies (qualifies or limits) a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

- ▶ Many adverbs end in *-ly*.
- ▶ Adverbs answer any of these four questions: *Where? When? How? To what extent?*
- ▶ Adverbs make writing more specific and more exact.
- ▶ Here are some adverbs that do not end in *-ly*:

again	almost	alone	already	also
always	away	even	ever	here
just	later	never	not	now
nowhere	often	perhaps	quite	rather
seldom	so	sometimes	somewhat	somewhere
soon	then	there	today	too
very	yesterday	yet		

Adverbs modify verbs:

John ate *quickly*. (*How* did he eat?)

I walk *there*. (*Where* did I walk?)

Ashleigh will eat *soon*. (*When* will Ashleigh eat?)

Adverbs modify adjectives:

Rex is *very* happy. (*Very* modifies the adjective *happy* and answers the question, *To what extent?*)

The program was *too* unrealistic. (*Too* modifies the adjective *unrealistic* and answers the question, *To what extent?*)

Adverbs modify other adverbs:

Warren walks *too* quickly. (*Too* modifies the adverb *quickly* and answers the question, *How quickly?*)

He moved *rather* recently. (*Rather* modifies the adverb *recently* and answers the question, *How recently?*)