

Adverbs

Ch. 16 Section 2

What is an Adverb?

- Words that modify other words
- Usually modify verbs
- Often end in –ly – but not always!
- Can also modify adjectives and other adverbs
- Examples
 - *Slowly* twisted – *slowly* modifies the **verb** twisted
 - They played *extremely* well – *extremely* modifies the **adverb** well as they both describe **how** they played
- Proper definition: an adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb

What Adverbs Tell about Verbs

Where?

He lives nearby.
I looked inside.

When?

Janice played
yesterday.

In what way?

The musician
performed perfectly.

To what extent?

Amy fully agrees
with me.

Not a Verb?

- When adverbs modify adjectives or adverbs, they answer the question... to what extent?
- Adverbs modifying a verb
 - The mother tenderly moved the pup. *Tenderly modifies moved.*
- Adverbs modifying an adjective
 - A very kind woman helped me. *Very modifies kind.*
- Adverb modifying another adverb
 - The males hunt extremely well. *Extremely modifies well.*

Adverb or Adjective?

- Words can sometimes be considered an adjective or an adverb
- If a noun or pronoun is modified by a word, the modifying word is an adjective.
- If a verb, adjective or adverb is modified by a word, that modifying word is an adverb.
- Adverb: When the wolves reached the clearing, they turned right.
- Adjective: That is the right spot to view the wolves safely.

Adverb or Adjective?

- Adverbs and Adjectives answer different questions
- Adjectives
 - Which one?
 - What kind?
 - How many?
 - How much?
- Adverbs
 - Where?
 - When?
 - In what way?
 - To what extent?