

How much do you know about adverbs?

Name: _____

Adverbs give us information about the action verbs in a sentence. There are different kinds of adverbs – they answer the question when (adverb of time), *how?* (adverb of manner), *where?* (adverb of place) and to *what?* extent (adverb of degree).

1. Underline the verbs and fill in the missing adverbs of time in the blank spaces in the sentences below.

Example: He visited us yesterday.

recently sometimes yesterday tomorrow soon

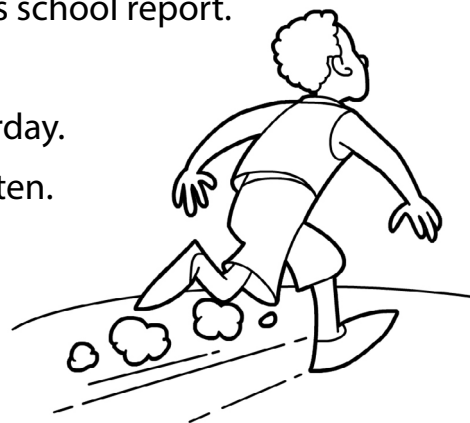
- My granny knitted me a blue jersey _____.
- _____ my friend and I each made a cake in a mug.
- I will be visiting the dentist at 2pm _____.
- It will be John's birthday _____.
- _____ I visit my granny in Durban.

2. Underline the verbs in the sentences below. For each verb write an adverb of manner that could explain more about how the action is done. Example: He walked slowly.

- He peeled the skin off the banana _____.
- She read the knitting instructions _____.
- He looked at the sky _____.
- She smiled _____ at the new girl.
- He raced _____ down the road on his bike.

3. Work with a friend. The adverbs in the sentences below have been underlined. Which type of adverb has been used?

- Sipho anxiously waited for his parents to read his school report.
- He left his raincoat there.
- She bought a new pair of knitting needles yesterday.
- Mandy moved slowly towards the frightened kitten.
- He is running very fast.
- He was completely exhausted after the race.
- My friend's house is nearby.
- Please bring that book here.



Memorandum

Suggested answers to the activity:

1. Underline the verbs and fill in the missing adverbs of time in the blank spaces in the sentences below. (5 marks)
 - a) My granny knitted me a blue jersey **recently**.
 - b) **Yesterday** my friend and I each made a cake in a mug.
 - c) I will be *visiting* the dentist at 2pm **tomorrow**.
 - d) It will be John's birthday **soon**.
 - e) **Sometimes** I visit my granny in Durban.
2. Underline the verbs in the sentences below. For each verb write an adverb of manner that could explain more about how the action is done. (5 marks)
 - a) He peeled the skin off the banana **slowly**.
 - b) She read the knitting instructions **carefully**.
 - c) He looked at the sky **thoughtfully**.
 - d) She smiled **shyly** at the new girl.
 - e) He raced **speedily** down the road on his bike.
3. The adverbs in the sentences below have been underlined. Say which type of adverb has been used. (8 marks)
 - a) Sipho anxiously waited for his parents to read his school report. (**manner**)
 - b) He left his raincoat there. (**place**)
 - c) She bought a new pair of knitting needles yesterday. (**time**)
 - d) Mandy moved slowly towards the frightened kitten. (**manner**)
 - e) She is running very fast. (**degree**)
 - f) She was completely exhausted after the race. (**degree**)
 - g) My friend's house is nearby. (**place**)
 - h) Please bring that book here. (**place**)

(Total 18 marks)