

Adverbs Practice

Directions: Rewrite as directed, on a separate piece of paper. Refer to your notes or textbook if you have questions.

Exercise 1: For each sentence write the negative word that is used as an adverb.

1. It wasn't long after the first of October, 1957, that the Soviet Union put a satellite into orbit.
2. Dr. Wernher von Braun, a German scientist, was hardly excited by the launching.
3. For three years before the Soviet launching, Von Braun tried but could not convince the President of the United States that his American team could put a satellite into orbit.
4. The Soviet satellite *Sputnik* had barely been launched into orbit when the United States entered the race for space.
5. Since 1957 America's interest in outer space has never waned.

Exercise 2: Rewrite each sentence, adding an example of the kind of adverb indicated in parentheses. Add any other words or phrases to make your expanded sentences make sense.

Sample: We walked to the restaurant. (adverb that indicates a comparative degree.)

Answer: We walked more cautiously to the restaurant than we had the night before.

1. The performance by the band at last night's concert was superb. (Adverb that tells to what degree.)
2. The guitar players strummed. (Adverb that tells how)
3. As I listened, I became enthralled. (Adverb that tells to what degree)
4. The flutes sounded melodious. (Adverb that indicates a comparative degree)
5. My companion for the evening paid attention during the entire show. (Negative word used as an adverb)
6. We went to a restaurant. (Adverb that tells when)
7. The waiter served the food. (Adverb that tells how)
8. We did stay for dessert. (Negative word used as an adverb)
9. We walked two blocks and returned to our car that parked in front of a jewelry store. (Adverb that tells where)
10. We drove home. (Adverb that indicates a superlative degree)

Exercise 3: Write whether each italicized word is an **adverb** or **not an adverb**.

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| 1. <i>old</i> man | 6. <i>finally</i> stopped |
| 2. <i>most</i> unusual | 7. <i>unusual</i> film |
| 3. <i>exceptionally</i> talents | 8. <i>her</i> bicycle |
| 4. opened <i>suddenly</i> | 9. <i>fast</i> race |
| 5. moved <i>down</i> | 10. questioned <i>intermittently</i> |

Exercise 4: (a) Write Rewrite each of the following sentences, using the verb-modifying adverb that appears in the parentheses. (b) The second step for this section is to rewrite each sentence again, placing the same adverb in a different position.

1. The idea of building a new capital for Brazil was proposed in 1789. (originally)
2. At the time construction began in the 1950s, Brazilians looked forward to having a modern capital city. (eagerly)
3. The National Congress Building, an immense bowl-shaped structure, sits on a huge concrete platform with skyscrapers nearby. (boldly)
4. The circular underground cathedral is considered to be the most impressive structure in the city. (actually)
5. Brasilia is the most original national capital in the modern world. (certainly)