Parts of Speech - Adverbs

• Almost all words have a “part of speech”. Which part of speech a word has depends on how it is used in a sentence. Here is a list of the eight parts of speech:

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**Adverb:** An adverb is a word or phrase that is used to modify a verb, adjective, or another adverb. Sometimes an adverb is used to modify a conjunction, preposition, or infinitive verb. Most (but not all) adverbs end in “ly”.

**Example:** The rabbit jumped quickly.

In this example, “quickly” is an adverb because it is used to modify the verb “jumped”.

**Example:** Albert Einstein was a very smart mathematician.

In this example, “very” is an adverb because it is used to modify the adjective “smart”.

**Example:** It started to rain just after the clouds appeared.

In this example, “just” is an adverb because it is used to modify the conjunction “after”.

**Example:** Jonas usually does his homework.

In this example, “usually” is a (frequency) adverb because it is used to modify the verb “does”.

**Directions:** Underline the adverbs in the following sentences.

1) The fire spread rapidly.
2) Astronauts are really cool.
3) He did rather well on the test.
4) He told us to talk quietly in the library.
5) We swam right before the storm.
6) The old man drank the juice slowly.
7) It is exactly 3:00 in the afternoon.
8) The cat quickly pounced on the mouse.
9) We walked happily through the forest.
10) Jenna is always so late.
11) Will you please just leave me alone?
12) The race car is extremely fast.
13) He seldom did poorly on tests.
14) Blue is definitely my favorite color.
15) He carried the bowl of soup very carefully.
16) It is getting rather late.
17) I am never leaving.
18) When will we finally be done?

**Directions:** Now make your own sentences. Try to use adverbs.

1) ________________________________
2) ________________________________