

Recap

Adverbs give us more information about:

- **Verbs** (action or doing words/to show states of being)
- **Adjectives** (describing words)
- Other **adverbs**
- Whole clauses

Let's explore how...

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Adverbs can give us more information about **verbs** (an action, doing or state word).

Theseus shouted **cheerfully**.

What other adverbs could you use to say how Theseus shouted?

Theseus shouted _____.

TASK: Write down 6 different adverbs you could use.

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Adverbs can give us more information about **adjectives** (describing words).

The labyrinth is **extremely** dark.

What other adverbs could you use to describe how dark the labyrinth is?

The labyrinth is _____ dark.

TASK: Write down 6 different adverbs you could use.



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Adverbs can modify whole clauses.

Quietly, the ship sailed on the sea.



What other adverbs could you use to modify the clause 'the ship sailed on the sea'?

TASK: Write down 6 different adverbs you could use.

Adverbial Phrases

We can also use **phrases** rather than **single adverbs** to modify clauses. These are called **adverbial phrases**. Adverbial phrases do not usually contain a verb.



For example:

The minotaur roared **with excitement**.

The minotaur roared **in the labyrinth**.

The minotaur roared **like a lion**.

Can you make your own adverbial phrase to modify this clause?

'Theseus swung his sword _____.'

TASK: Write down 3 adverbial phrases that you could use.

Fronted Adverbials

This is a complicated name for something very simple!

Sometimes an adverb or adverbial phrase can come before the verb instead of after.

For example:

The minotaur roared **in the labyrinth**.

Could be changed to:

In the labyrinth, the minotaur roared.

A **comma** always comes after a fronted adverbial.

We are going to be using adverbs to start sentences that could be used in a story about Theseus and the Minotaur.

| Time | Frequency | Place | Manner | Possibility |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Afterwards, | Often, | Above the clouds, | Sadly, | Almost unbelievably, |
| Already, | Again, | Below the sea, | Slowly, | Much admired, |
| Always, | Daily, | Here, | Happily, | Nearly asleep, |
| Immediately, | Weekly, | Outside, | Awkwardly, | Quite understandably, |
| Last month, | Fortnightly, | Over there, | Bravely, | Really happily, |
| Now, | Yearly, | There, | Like a ... , | Perhaps, |
| Soon, | Sometimes, | Under the ground, | As quick as a flash, | Maybe, |
| Yesterday, | Rarely, | Upstairs, | As fast as he could, | Just arrived, |
| Today, | Every second, | In the distance, | Without a sound, | Certainly amused, |
| Tomorrow, | Twice a year, | Between the sea and the sky, | Without warning, | Obviously angry, |
| Next year, | Once a minute, | Everywhere she looked, | Unexpectedly, | Definitely confused, |
| In January, | Once, | Around the tent, | Unfortunately, | Completely exhausted, |
| On Tuesday, | Once or twice, | Back at the house, | Suddenly, | Barely alive, |
| In the morning, | Three times, | Nearby, | Mysteriously, | Out of breath, |
| After a while, | Constantly, | Down by the cliffs, | Frantically, | Decidedly unimpressed, |
| As soon as she could, | Regularly, | Behind the shed, | Anxiously, | Perfectly confident, |
| Before long, | Frequently, | In the wooden box, | Courageously, | Positively trembling with excitement, |
| All of a sudden, | Infrequently, | Over my bed, | Silently, | Purely practically, |
| In the blink of an eye, | Occasionally, | Somewhere near here, | Curiously, | Somewhat flustered, |
| Just then, | Rarely, | Far away, | Nervously, | Utterly joyous, |
| Eventually, | Never in my life, | Wherever they went, | Rapidly, | Totally overwhelmed, |
| Later, | Never before, | North of here, | Carefully, | |



Examples:

All of a sudden, Ariadne woke up and found that she was all alone on the island.

Yearly, the cruel King Minos fed seven boys and seven girls to the Minotaur.

In the distance, King Minos could see the sails of the Athenian ship coming closer.

Frantically, Theseus fumbled to find the end of the string in the vast darkness.

Out of breath, the Minotaur stumbled over his heavy hooves.