

# Identifying an Adverb in a Sentence

Use the adverbs mat on the next page to help you.

An **adverb** is something that tells you where, why or how something is done and is simply a word that describes a verb (an action or a doing word). Many adverbs end in **-ly** but **not all of them**. Similarly, not all words which end in **-ly** are adverbs.

Adverbs can come before or after a verb. By changing the place of adverbs in sentences it makes a piece of writing more interesting to read.

Circle the **adverbs** in these sentences.

1. She often goes to the shop.
2. The car is reversing backwards.
3. Michael happily paints a picture.
4. The dog barked loudly.
5. I need to go home soon.

Use your own **adverbs** to modify these sentences.

1. Make sure you climb the ladder \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Let's go to the cinema \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The ship sailed \_\_\_\_\_ into the harbour.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ my parcel will arrive.
5. He looked at his friend \_\_\_\_\_.

Extra challenge: Choose your own adverbs from the Adverbs mat below and write interesting sentences.

## Adverbs

### How?

angrily	hungrily
anxiously	inquisitively
cautiously	irritably
cheerfully	joyously
courageously	loudly
crossly	madly
cruelly	merrily
defiantly	nervously
doubtfully	quickly
elegantly	sadly
enthusiastically	safely
foolishly	shyly
frantically	solemnly
gently	weakly
gladly	well
gracefully	wildly
happily	

### When?

afterwards  
again  
before  
beforehand  
early  
lately  
never  
now  
often  
punctually  
recently  
soon  
then  
today  
tomorrow  
yesterday

### How often?

always  
annually  
constantly  
daily  
hourly  
monthly  
never  
occasionally  
often  
once  
regularly  
repeatedly  
sometimes  
usually  
yearly

### Where?

above  
around  
away  
below  
down  
downstairs  
everywhere  
here  
inside  
outside  
there  
up  
upstairs  
wherever

### How much?

almost  
completely  
entirely  
little  
much  
rather  
totally  
very

### More useful adverbs

additionally  
fittingly  
insufficiently  
appropriately  
hence  
suitably  
consequently  
however  
therefore

# The Hope Machine

Let me tell you – it's not easy being an Evil Super-Genius when you're ten years old. Firstly, nobody respects you or your evil plans. Secondly, my Evil Super-Genius laugh sounds more like a giggle because I still have quite a high voice. Thirdly, all the adults have already copyrighted all the cool superhero and villain names. So – and do not laugh unless you wish to die – my alter ego is ... 'The Deadly Pencil. Trust me, I tried every possible combination of names and they were all taken. And my superhero nemeses are Sensible Boy, Captain Coventry, and Llama Boy and Goat Girl. Also – the movies are wrong. There are *so many* superheroes. It's so tiresome – *everybody* wants to be a goodie. I'm completely outnumbered. They all get to hang out

apologise for being naughty and I had to promise to behave from then on. I had no choice but to agree.

So undignified.

The final time I used the Hope Machine was the night before my birthday. After the embarrassment of having to apologise, I decided to finish them once and for all; I hoped for DEATH TO ALL SUPERHEROES! I went to sleep wearing the Hope Machine helmet just to make EXTRA sure my hope came true.

That was a very bad idea.

I awoke the next day to the doorbell ringing. I answered it to find all my nemeses on the doorstep.

They were *not* dead.

They were very much alive and carrying balloons and cards and presents. All for me.

There was a cake, and they sang 'Happy Birthday' and they gave me a huge party with games and dancing.

It was all perfectly *dreadful*. Clearly, the machine had gone horribly faulty whilst I was sleeping and for some reason thought I hoped for fun and happiness.

Now I'm stuck with having *friends*. And I even

together and I'm completely by myself. But that's how I like it.

So, I have to come up with evil schemes, and that's why I invented the Hope Machine. If you hadn't guessed, it's a machine which makes hopes come true. Dangerous technology if it fell into the wrong hands though. Can you imagine? It would be all 'world peace' this and 'love and happiness' that.

Yuck.

The first time I attached the Hope Machine's mind-reading helmet, I closed my eyes and hoped that something horrible happened to Goat Girl (she had just foiled one of my evil schemes), and it worked *perfectly*. I found out the next day that one of her goats had eaten her cape and pooped in her helmet.

The second thing I hoped for worked so well it back-fired. I hoped I would finally get some respect and that I'd be treated like a proper Evil Super-Genius. The following day I woke up to find my house completely surrounded by superheroes. And not just Llama Boy – all the big ones were there. They insisted I come out and

caught myself *smiling* this morning – and it wasn't even a super-villain evil grin.

Double-yuck.

Obviously, I have thrown the Hope Machine in the bin.

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## Tasks

Using the text 'The Hope Machine', discuss Superheroes VS Evil super Genius - do you know of any well-known ones from other stories you have read? What is the character profile of an evil genius vs a superhero? Anything in addition to all of the things that are mentioned in the text already (making evil plans, having an evil laugh, wanting world peace, love and happiness etc.).

Design a new super hero called 'Mr/Miss Hope'. How can we describe their appearance and personality? What are their super powers? Draw your superhero.

Write a character description of 'Mr/Miss Hope'.

Use powerful vocabulary to describe. What does this character hope for? Link this with an ideal world- what can we do make the world a better place? What super powers does your character have to make this happen?

## HERO



- What is the boy doing? What is he thinking?
- Do you know any stories about superheroes? Which is your favourite? Why?
- Do superheroes exist?
- Have you ever met a superhero?
- Are superheroes and heroes the same thing?
- What does it take to be a hero?
- Have you ever done anything heroic? Has anyone you know?
- What could you do to become more like a superhero in your everyday life?

