

Adverb or Adjective?

Many adverbs end in *-ly*. However, some words ending in *-ly* can be used as adjectives. Remember: An **adverb** modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb by telling *where, when, how, or to what extent (how much or how long)*. An **adjective** modifies a noun or a pronoun by telling *what kind, which one, how many, or how much*.

EXAMPLES Melissa writes **daily** in her journal. [The adverb *daily* modifies the verb *writes*, telling *when*.]

Her journal is a **daily** record of events in her life. [The adjective *daily* modifies the noun *record*, telling *what kind*.]

EXERCISE A Above each underlined word in the following sentences, write *ADJ* if the underlined word is an *adjective* or write *ADV* if the underlined word is an *adverb*.

Example 1. Comets ^{*ADV*} sometimes produce meteors.

- Comets often contain large rocks.
- The rocks inside comets are held together by icy material.
- A comet that passes by the sun enough times steadily loses its icy material.
- Rocky material and grains of dust remain near the head of the comet and in its orbit.
- These rocks and dust grains sometimes enter the earth's atmosphere.
- These particles in the earth's atmosphere can cause a spectacular shower.
- Meteors don't come only from comets.
- In fact, meteors resulting from other sources in space are quite common.
- The only meteor I've ever seen was an awe-inspiring sight.
- If you gaze into the night sky, you are likely to see one.

EXERCISE B Above each underlined word in the following sentences, write *ADJ* if the underlined word is an *adjective* or write *ADV* if the underlined word is an *adverb*.

Example 1. A new moon occurs ^{*ADV*} monthly.

- The monthly appearance of the full moon is always welcome.
- Padgett is a very friendly dog.
- Our cat always seems lonely.
- Mom gave me a timely reminder to visit the dentist.
- The newspaper arrives daily at 8 A.M.