Grammar 2: Modifiers

• Adjectives
  • words which modify (describe) nouns

• Adverbs
  • words which modify verbs, adjectives or other adverbs
  • many adverbs end in -ly
  • e.g., boldly, coldly, truly
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ADJECTIVES

Adjectives modify nouns which they can describe, specify or qualify.

• a yellow submarine
• the long way around
• the tallest person on the planet
• we’re with this teacher now
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ADVERBS

Adverbs tell how something happened and are often attached to a verb.

- he ran quickly up the stairs
- the ship slowly sank into the ocean
- sometimes dead people talk to me
- they usually tell me what to do
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ADVERBS

Adverbs can also modify adjectives.

- he’s an overly protective parent
- we had barely enough to eat
- it was a truly majestic sight to see
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ADVERBS

Adverbs can also modify other adverbs, in which case they show the degree or extent of the other adverb.

• far more wisely than anyone else
• simply too frequently for my taste
• very craftily was it done
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ADJECTIVES

Anger be now your song, immortal one, Akhilleus’ anger, doomed and ruinous, that caused the Akhaians loss on bitter loss and crowded brave souls into the undergloom, leaving so many dead men --- carrion for dogs and birds; and the will of Zeus was done.

_Iliad_, Book 1.1-6
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**ADVERBS**

And speaking **softly** but **rapidly** (Achilles said), “. . . and **soon** he pays for his behavior with blood.”  
*Iliad*, Book 1.234-240

Thetis left her son **still** burning for the **softly** belted girl whom they had wrested from him.  
*Iliad*, Book 1.495-497

You drive me into open war with Hera **sooner** or **later**: … she **never** rests from badgering me.  
*Iliad*, Book 1.594-596
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ADVERBS

Majesty, . . . I have not ‘harried’ you before with questions surely: you are quite free to tell what you will tell. This time I dreadfully fear --

*Ilia*, Book 1.633-636

So all day long until the sun went down they spent in feasting, and the measured feast matched well their hearts’ desire.

*Ilia*, Book 1.695-697
Pack animals were his target first, and dogs, but soldiers, too, soon felt transfixing pain from his hard shots, and pyres burned night and day.
Nine days the arrows of the god came down broadside upon the army.

_Iliad_, Book 1.58-60