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ADVERBS: WHEN, WHERE, HOW



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Andy is doing a science project about earthquakes. Here is part of his report.

Earthquakes often scare people. People think the earth will crack open everywhere. But earthquakes build up slowly.

In the first sentence, the word *often* describes the action of the verb *scare*. It tells *when* the earthquakes scare. *Everywhere* is an adverb that tells *where* the earth could crack open. *Slowly* is an adverb that tells *how* the earthquakes build up.

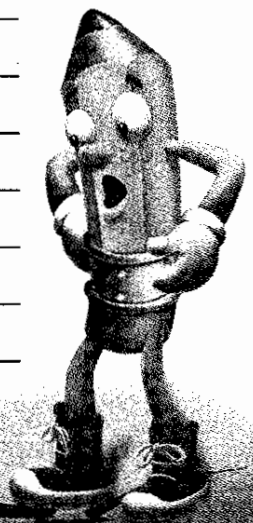
Definition • Usage

An **adverb** is a word that describes a verb, an adjective, or another adverb. Most adverbs tell *when*, *where*, or *how*. Adverbs often end in *ly*. Other common adverbs are *very* and *always*.

Your Turn

Underline the adverb in each sentence. Write *when*, *where*, or *how* on the line to identify what the adverb tells.

1. Plates under the earth's crust are constantly moving. _____
2. People never feel most of the earth's movement. _____
3. Scientists carefully study the movement of the plates. _____
4. Earthquakes usually occur along the edges of the plates. _____
5. When the plates move, stress builds in the rocks below. _____
6. When the edges collide, the ground may split noisily. _____
7. Tremors from the earthquake spread fast. _____
8. Shock waves can travel anywhere. _____
9. Aftershocks often cause as much damage as the quake. _____
10. Scientists work tirelessly to predict earthquakes. _____
11. But they don't always know if an earthquake will strike. _____
12. The earth may rest quietly before the next earthquake. _____



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