Adverbs and Verbs

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: A **verb** is an action word: *run, sing, jump*. An **adverb** tells more about the verb: *run fast, sing sweetly*. The adverb can come before or after the verb.

Find the action first. Then ask: how, when or where did it happen?



1. Which verb does it describe?

The adverb is in brackets. Circle the verb it describes.

1. Ben quickly kicked the ball. (quickly)

- (a) Ben
- (b) kicked
- (c) ball

2. The bell rang loudly. (loudly)

- (a) bell
- (b) loudly
- (c) rang

3. Grandma sang softly to the baby. (softly)

- (a) sang
- (b) Grandma
- (c) baby

4. We often swim in the lake. (often)

- (a) lake
- (b) swim
- (c) We

5. The leaves fell gently to the ground. (gently)

- (a) leaves
- (b) ground
- (c) fell

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2. Verb or adverb?

Write each word in the right column.

quietly | jump | never | whisper | climb | upstairs | laugh | bravely | write | soon

Verb	Adverb

Answer Key

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   - a. Ben
   - b. **kicked**
   - c. ball

2. **The bell rang loudly. (loudly)**
   - a. bell
   - b. loudly
   - c. **rang**

3. **Grandma sang softly to the baby. (softly)**
   - a. **sang**
   - b. Grandma
   - c. baby

4. **We often swim in the lake. (often)**
   - a. lake
   - b. **swim**
   - c. We

5. **The leaves fell gently to the ground. (gently)**
   - a. leaves
   - b. ground
   - c. **fell**

2. Verb or adverb?

Verb	Adverb
jump	quietly
whisper	never
climb	upstairs
laugh	bravely
write	soon