

Language Problem Solving 5

Adverbs ⇨ Grammar Summary, page 143

- 1 Read and listen to the football commentary. What is the score at the end of the game?



Abbondanzieri quickly picks up the ball to take the goal kick. We always get a lot of tension in these games between the two big teams from Buenos Aires: River Plate and Boca Juniors. And this cup game is very tense. It's two – two and there's everything to play for. The crowd is cheering wildly, the referee looks at his watch nervously. He'll probably allow another minute's play. Abbondanzieri kicks the ball very well and it goes into the River half. Palacios gets the ball, beats one man brilliantly and passes to Palermo in the area. Palermo turns, shoots

..... and it's a goal! What a goal! What a goal! I can hardly believe it. That's one of the best goals I've ever seen. Palermo turned and smashed it straight into the back of the net. He's sometimes a bit slow in these situations but not this time. And he's certainly been Boca's best player today. And that's it. That's the final whistle.



- 2 Underline all the adverbs in the text above. Copy and complete the table with the adverbs.

In what way? (adverbs of manner)	<i>quickly</i>
How often? (adverbs of frequency)	<i>always</i>
How certain? (adverbs of degree of certainty)	<i>probably</i>

- 3 Look at the adverbs in Exercises 1 and 2. Match the types of adverbs (1–3) with their position in a sentence (a or b).

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| 1 Adverbs of manner | a before the main verb or after the verb <i>to be</i> |
| 2 Frequency adverbs | b before the verb, after the subject or at the end of the sentence |
| 3 Certainty adverbs | |

- 4 Rewrite the sentences putting the adverbs in brackets in the right place.

- I get up early. (often)
- She will ask me for help soon. (probably)
- Mobile phones have become very popular. (recently)
- They'll finish the work today. (certainly)
- I look before I cross the road. (always, carefully)
- We eat dinner. (normally, slowly)

- 5 In the sentences below, the words in bold are adjectives and adverbs. Underline the adjectives and circle the adverbs.

- I've bought this really **fast** car but I can only drive **fast** on the motorway.
- I try very **hard** but I find it really **hard** to work late at night.
- The meeting started **late** because of the president's **late** arrival.
- Her **long** speech opened the conference, which lasted **longer** than usual.
- Beckham is playing very **well** today; he's been very **good** in the last few games.

- 6 Match the adverbs in bold with their meanings (a–d).

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| 1 He had hardly any money. | a during the last few weeks/days, recently |
| 2 He works very hard . | b almost no/not |
| 3 She arrived late . | c after the agreed time |
| 4 She hasn't visited us lately . | d with a lot of effort |

- 7 Choose the correct adverb to complete the sentences.

- I haven't been to the cinema *late/lately*.
- The English class never starts *late/lately*.
- We tried really *hard/hardly* to understand your arguments.
- I can *hard/hardly* understand what he's saying.