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Awesome Adverbs

Standards

- Uses descriptive and precise language that clarifies and enhances ideas
- Uses adverbs in written compositions

Materials

- Chart paper
- Markers
- *Adverb Picture Cards* (page 204; [adverbpicturecards.pdf](#))
- *Adverb Word Cards* (page 205; [adverbwordcards.pdf](#))
- Writer's Notebooks
- *Awesome Adverbs Notebook Entry* (page 203; [awesomeadverbs.pdf](#))

Mentor Texts

- *Up, Up and Away: A Book About Adverbs* by Ruth Heller
- See *Mentor Text List* in Appendix C for other suggestions.

Procedures

Note: When adverbs are overused, writing sounds stilted and artificial. Remind students to use adverbs sparingly to add details and clarity.

Think About Writing

1. Remind students that authors carefully choose the words they write so their message is accurately expressed.
2. Review mentor texts, if desired, and emphasize the author's use of adverbs.

Teach

3. Tell students, "Today I will show you how to use adverbs to help improve the quality of your writing." Explain that adverbs clarify by telling how, when, where, and how often.
4. Display the *Adverb Picture Cards* (page 204). Work with students to identify the adverbs in the sentences. Discuss the power of interesting adverbs to provide additional information to the reader.

Engage

5. Display the *Adverb Word Cards* (page 205), one card at a time. Have students work with partners to create sentences using the adverbs. Allow several groups to share their sentences for each adverb and record the sentences on chart paper.

Awesome Adverbs *(cont.)*

Apply

6. Encourage students to improve the quality of their writing by using adverbs in their sentences. Provide students with the *Awesome Adverbs Notebook Entry* (page 203) to add to their Writer's Notebook. Have students work on the *Your Turn* section before proceeding to their writing folders.

Write/Conference

7. Provide time for students to write. Meet with the most at-risk students to provide additional support in incorporating adverbs into their writing. Encourage students to use the words on the *Awesome Adverbs Notebook Entry* in their writing. Keep records of your meeting in your Conferring Notebook.

Spotlight Strategy

8. Spotlight students who use adverbs to add descriptive details to their writing. For example, "Extraordinary word work today. Your adverbs are tremendous! Pay close attention to this adverb included in Trina and Raj's work."

Share

9. Have students meet with partners to share their work. Encourage students to listen for adverbs in their partner's writing.

Homework

Ask students to listen for adverbs used in conversation at home. Have students make a list of five adverbs they hear.

Awesome Adverbs Notebook Entry

Awesome Adverbs

An **adverb** can tell the reader how, where, when, or how often. Most adverbs end with **-ly**.

Authors use adverbs to emphasize information and add descriptive details to their writing.

- Luke skied expertly down the mountain. (How did Luke ski? Expertly.)
- He liked to ski frequently. (How often did he ski? Frequently.)
- Lindsay carefully boarded the ski lift. (How did Lindsay board the lift? Carefully.)

Here are some awesome adverbs you can use in your writing.

- | | | |
|------------|-------------|------------|
| • suddenly | • hungrily | • loudly |
| • angrily | • carefully | • greedily |
| • quickly | • steadily | • gently |
| • bravely | • silently | • happily |
| • slowly | • timidly | • neatly |
| • safely | • finally | • easily |

Remember to reread and revise using adverbs to add emphasis and details in your writing!

Your Turn:

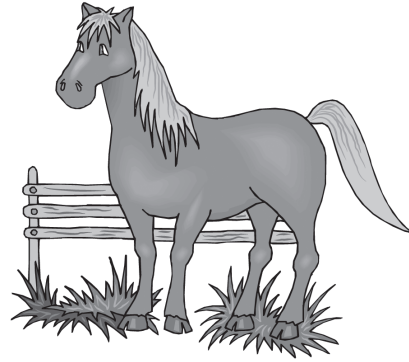
Write sentences using at least four of the adverbs listed above.

Adverb Picture Cards

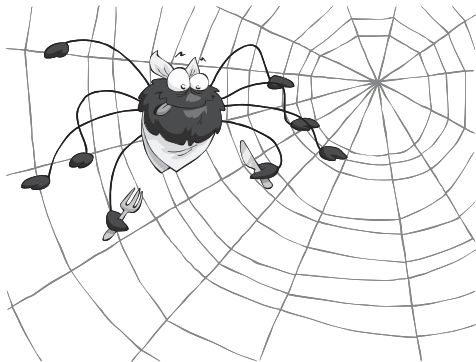
Directions: Cut out the cards. Have students identify the adverbs in each sentence.



The bee quickly flew to the flower and landed quietly to get a sip of delicious nectar.



The horse stomped noisily at the gate, waiting impatiently for the farmer to bring his oats.



The plump spider waited impatiently for a fat fly to land clumsily on his sticky web.



Certainly, a kind-hearted child will choose to lovingly adopt this adorable puppy.



Slowly, the snake slithered through the grass and hungrily attacked the oblivious mouse.



Waiting eagerly to pounce on its prey, the tiger moved soundlessly through the tall grass.

Adverb Word Cards

Directions: Cut out the cards. Display the cards for students. Have them find partners and create sentences using the adverbs.

loudly

neatly

greedily

easily

gently

silently

happily

timidly