

Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics Worksheet #6

FOCUS Adverbs

An **adverb** describes a verb, an adjective, or an adverb and answers What degree? How? Where? or When? The adverb may be found before or after the word that it modifies.

Examples: Trey walked *more* What degree?
carefully How?
late at night When?
there at the docks. Where?

CONNECT TO WRITING

As a matter of good writing style, place shorter adverbial phrases in front of longer ones.

Example: The family walks *around the block after every Thanksgiving Dinner*.

Explanation: The shorter adverbial phrase *around the block* is properly placed before the longer *after every Thanksgiving Dinner*.

As a matter of good writing style, place specific adverbs before general ones.

Example: It should be *exactly where* I said, *next* to her, or *somewhere over there*.

Explanation: The more specific adverbs *exactly where* and *next* are properly placed before the more general *somewhere over there*.

PRACTICE

Sort these adverbs into the following categories: often, everywhere, slowly, one o'clock, mostly, carefully, nearby, later, here, less, easily, mainly

What Degree	How	Where	When
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

WRITE

Compose four sentences with adverbs from each category. Use none of the adverbs listed on this worksheet.

What Degree _____

How _____

Where _____

When _____