10.1 Adverbs

You know that adjectives are words that modify nouns.

Adverbs are words that can modify verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs.

In this section, we will focus on adverbs that modify verbs.

- I run slowly. ("slowly" modifies "run")
- **He writes neatly.** ("neatly" modifies "writes")
- Please drive carefully. ("carefully" modifies "drive")

*Most (but not all) adverbs end in "-ly."



Look at the sentences below. Can you find the adverbs? Circle the adverbs, and draw an arrow to the verbs that they modify.

- 1. Derek rides his bicycle quickly.
- 2. Monica talks quietly, so I can't hear what she is saying.
- 3. I accidentally hit James, so I said I was sorry.
- 4. Wow! Henry sings beautifully!
- 5. The two girls are playing happily in the park.
- 6. Doris' father angrily yelled at her last night.
- 7. We were walking slowly when it started to rain.