

the meaning of the adverb "swiftly." "Brightly," "exceedingly," "very," are *adverbs*.

2. DEFINITION.—An adverb is a word which shows the conditions of place, time, manner, degree, cause, effect, &c., which modify or limit an action or attribute.

3. *When, where, or how* a thing occurs can be expressed only by the words called adverbs. For example:—

I saw my uncle [When?] *lately*..... Time.

I met him [Where?] *here*..... Place.

He spoke to me [How?] *pleasantly*..... Manner.

Words that express *time, place, and manner* are adverbs, because they are used with verbs in the same way as adjectives are used with nouns.

4. Adverbs lay stress on *adjectives*:

This ink is black..... Simple quality

This ink is *very* black..... } Degree expressed by

That ink is *too* black. } "very," "too," "rather."

That ink is *rather* black..... }

5. Adverbs of *degree* may also be used to add force to other *adverbs*:

She plays nicely..... She plays *very* brilliantly.

He talks hastily..... He talks *too* hastily.

The bird is there..... The bird is *exactly* or *just* there.

6. Most adverbs end in *ly*. This suffix literally means *like*; thus, *gayly* means literally *gay-like*.

What does *sweetly* mean? *nicely*? *splendidly*?

7. We may take almost any adjective and add the suffix *ly* to it, and we shall have an adverb. The adverb will always mean *in the manner of the quality* denoted by the adjective from which it is made. Thus: