

# Other Ways to Say It: Common Adverbs #1

When you use strong adverbs, your writing becomes more descriptive and impactful. Strong adverbs are specific and vivid, and they can evoke emotion from your reader. Look at the bolded adverb in this example.

❌ Daniel whistled **happily** as he walked home from the market.

The sentence works as written, but another adverb might be more accurate or effective for helping readers envision precisely what you want to convey. To create a more expressive, specific sentence for your reader, consider replacing the adverb with something else. Look at these alternatives.

- ✓ Daniel whistled **cheerfully** as he walked home from the market.
- ✓ Daniel whistled **gleefully** as he walked home from the market.
- ✓ Daniel whistled **contentedly** as he walked home from the market.
- ✓ Daniel whistled **enthusiastically** as he walked home from the market.
- ✓ Daniel whistled **with joy** as he walked home from the market.

These adverbs better describe Daniel's emotional state and the way in which he was whistling.



**Directions:** Look at the adverbs below. Then, write down at least five more descriptive ways to say them. Use reference materials, such as a dictionary or a thesaurus, to help you.

\*Be sure to keep this worksheet to add more words as you encounter them in your reading and everyday life! You can refer to these lists the next time you are writing. **Sample answers**

slowly	quickly	loudly	quietly
sluggishly	briskly	noisily	silently
leisurely	speedily	thunderously	weakly
gently	hastily	deafeningly	faintly
lazily	promptly	audibly	soundlessly
gradually	swiftly	emphatically	gently
bit by bit	rapidly	shrilly	softly
like molasses	lickety-split	ear-splittingly	wordlessly