

# Other Ways to Say It: Common Adverbs #2

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.

⊘ Mina looked **sadly** out the window at the stormy skies.

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.

- ✓ Mina looked **glumly** out the window at the stormy skies.
- ✓ Mina looked **bitterly** out the window at the stormy skies.
- ✓ Mina looked **wistfully** out the window at the stormy skies.
- ✓ Mina looked **dejectedly** out the window at the stormy skies.
- ✓ Mina looked **cheerlessly** out the window at the stormy skies.



These adverbs better describe Mina's emotional state and the way in which she was looking out the window.

**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**

kindly	unkindly	bravely	nervously
nicely	cruelly	heroically	anxiously
considerately	spitefully	boldly	excitedly
thoughtfully	viciously	daringly	apprehensively
graciously	nastily	valiantly	fearfully
sweetly	callously	fearlessly	restlessly
sympathetically	cooly	pluckily	timidly
with compassion	ruthlessly	gallantly	tensely