

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.

slowly	quickly	loudly	quietly