

DIAGRAMMING SENTENCES

Adverbs

Adverbs are modifiers; they describe the action of a verb or another adverb. In a sentence diagram, the adverb is placed on a diagonal line under the word it describes, similar to an article. **Example:** The boy quickly kicked the ball.



An adverb that modifies another adverb is placed on a diagonal line under the adverb it modifies. **Example:** The cat played very happily.

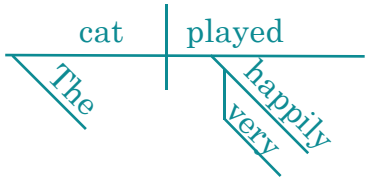


Diagram the following simple sentences.

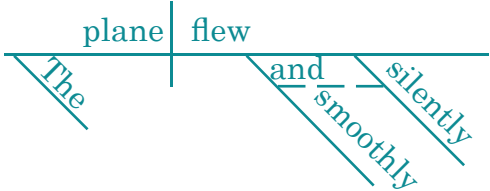
Kate spoke quietly.

The cow noisily munched the grass.

James waited very patiently.

Some words have more than one adverb as modifiers. Multiple adverbs that modify the same word are called compound adverbs. To diagram sentences with compound adverbs, put the adverbs together under the word they modify. Place any conjunctions for the compound adverbs on a dotted line between the adverbs. **Example:** The plane flew smoothly and silently.

Diagram the following sentence with compound adverbs.



The choir sang loudly and joyfully.

Lacy carefully and delicately dried the dishes.