# Using Parts of Speech to Build Good Writing Skills! ARTICLES & ADVERBS

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Psalm 115:1 reads
"1 Not to us, LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness." (NIV)

When you look up a word in a dictionary, you will find many words. You will ALSO find that even ONE word can be a member of several different Parts of Speech depending on how it is used in a sentence. As you read this book, you may find words listed as one form of speech and it also may be listed as another Part of Speech in another context.

This IS NOT an error. I could not give all of the possible definitions for every word or this book would be hundreds of pages long.

Please consult a dictionary if needed.

#### Articles precede or go before a Noun.

"a" - is a word that is referred to as an Article. It is pronounced with the schwa Aa sound "uh." It is used when the noun following it begins with a Consonant.

They bought <u>a</u> house in May.

The noun "house" begins with the Consonant "h," so the Article that is used BEFORE it is "a" (pronounced "uh").

 "an" - is another Article. It is used when the noun begins with a Vowel.

We saw <u>an</u> <mark>e</mark>lephant at the zoo.

The noun "elephant" begins with a vowel - Ee, so the article that is used BEFORE it is "an."

 "the" is another Article. It has many uses in the English language and I will name only a few here.

The cat jumped into the hat.

It is pronounced "thuh," except when indicating notoriety or acclaim.

For example:

Matthew 16:16 New International Version "16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."" (NIV)

Then it would be pronounced "thee" to indicate the one and only Christ.

- It is used:
  - > before a noun.
  - > before an adjective plus a noun.
  - > before the plural last name of a family or clan.

#### For example:

"I've known the Smiths for a long time."

before the proper name of a wellknown body of water, a ship, or a building.

#### For example:

"I would like to visit the Empire State Building."

"She lives 3 hours from <u>the</u> Atlantic Ocean."

"The Mississippi River is the second longest river on the continent of North America."

"The U.S.S. Constellation is the last warship designed by the U.S. Navy that operated by sails only."

before the plural form of <u>some</u> numerals that represent decades twenties, thirties, forties, fifties, sixties, seventies, eighties, nineties.

#### For example:

"During the forties in the U.S., rationing took place, because of the war."

> before an ordinal number to indicate a particular date.

#### For example:

"The electric bill is due on the fifteenth day of the month."

> Before titles and names to suggest notoriety or acclaim, etc.

"I received the Christ, the Son of God, as my Savior, many years ago."

Adverbs are used to describe or clarify other Parts of Speech. They usually answer a question like: how, when, where, how often, how long, or how much?

1. Adverbs can describe or clarify Verbs

Verb
Adverb

The girl waved excitedly at her Mom.

How did the girl wave?

The answer: excitedly.

(Many adverbs used to describe verbs end in "ly," but not all.)

2. Adverbs can describe or clarify

Adjectives. Yes, adjectives are words that

describe too, but an adverb can help to

add clarity.

Adverb

Adjective

The employee was very polite.

How polite was the employee?

The answer: very polite.

(Many adverbs used to describe adjectives end in "ly," but not all.)

- 3. Adverbs CAN begin a question. These are called **Interrogative Adverbs**: what, when, where, why, and how.
- what What difference does it make whether you wear green or red?
- when When will you return from work?
- where Where are you going?
- why Why did you go there?
- how <u>How</u> did you break your arm?
  - 4. Adverbs can ALSO use ALL of those words WITHOUT ASKING A QUESTION. When this occurs, they are called Relative Adverbs. They can clarify and bring completion to a dependent clause, (otherwise known as a subordinate clause).

A dependent clause or subordinate clause does not make a complete sentence on its own. It is "dependent" on or requires more information to make a complete sentence.

(Note: The Cambridge and Oxford dictionaries do not show "what" as an adverb, but the Merriam Webster dictionary does.)

 what - What with the national debt the way it is, it seriously puts this country at risk. when - She lived at 964 Elm Street
 when she was a little girl.

Notice the verb "lived" is in the Past Tense, so the Relative Adverb was needed to specifically clarify WHEN the woman lived at that address.

- where He wants to go to trade school where he can learn from Master level tradesmen.
- why I know the reason why God hardened Pharoah's heart.

- how I read to my son from infancy on, that is how his vocabulary grew.
  - 5. Adverbs CAN clarify or modify a whole sentence. When they do this, they are called Sentence Adverbs - they can clarify the writer's feelings or opinions about the subject matter described in the sentence or help to correctly clarify information. Sentence Adverbs can come at the beginning, middle, or end of a sentence. Some words that can clarify the author's feelings and opinions about the subject matter are:

frankly, fortunately, hopefully, thankfully, and unfortunately, etc.

- frankly Frankly, I'm looking forward to a cool breeze so that I can complete my garden work without overheating.
- fortunately Fortunately, God
   ALWAYS shows up right on time if you
   ask for His help!
- hopefully <u>Hopefully</u>, it will soon stop snowing.
- thankfully Thankfully, I was able to lead many people to Christ this summer.

 unfortunately - Today, the game was rained out, unfortunately.

Sentence adverbs that can help to correctly clarify information are: actually, admittedly, consequently, honestly, technically, and truthfully, etc.

 actually - Perennials, <u>actually</u>, are cheaper to raise over time, because although they are initially more expensive, they come back from year to year.

- admittedly He <u>admittedly</u> confessed to having led a life of crime.
- consequently 1 Timothy 2:9 says that women should dress in modest dress, consequently, no cleavage should be showing.
- honestly Honestly, there is no other God except my Father God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit!
- technically <u>Technically</u>, a peanut is a legume.

truthfully - The Lord Jesus Christ,
 truthfully is the Messiah!

Adverbs Related to Time, Speed, & Frequency	(These are just a good sampling)
after The bride and groom went to Jamaica after the wedding.	<b>NEVER</b> You should <u>never</u> take harmful drugs.
always You should always look both ways before crossing the street.	nightly The fireflies come out <u>nightly</u> .
before "Susie, make sure you brush your teeth <u>before</u> bedtime."	nights She works <u>nights</u> and holidays.
daily It is wise to daily say your prayers.	<b>NOW</b> The baby is sleeping <u>now</u> .
days He works days and no weekends.	nowadays Nowadays, people don't play croquet very much.
<b>Eventually</b>   Eventually, she would like to attend law school.	occasionally I like to go to a concert occasionally.
finally We finally completed the renovations.	often I often spend time in my garden.
forever A person who is saved will spend eternity with Christ forever.	promptly The meeting will begin promptly at 2:00 P.M.
frequently She frequently mows the lawn.	quickly During a fire alarm move quickly to exit the building.

Adverbs Related to	(These are just a
Time, Speed, &	good
Frequency	<mark>sampling)</mark>
hardly ever He hardly ever complains.	rapidly The fireworks fired rapidly for the finale.
hourly Some people work for an hourly wage.	rarely  She works and rarely  complains.
immediately The man drove his wife immediately to the emergency room.	regularly He <u>regularly</u> visits nursing homes to minister to the elderly.
lately  The employees have been arriving on time lately.	Seldom He works hard and seldom complains.
monthly Most bills are due monthly.	<b>Seldomly</b> He <u>seldomly</u> says a discouraging word.

### Adverbs Related to Time, Speed, & Frequency Continued - (These are just a good sampling.)

Slowly Turtles move slowly.

**SOMETIMES** <u>Sometimes</u> he visits the elderly in nursing homes.

**SOON** <u>Soon</u>, we'll all be going on vacation.

**Speedily** The Emergency vehicle <u>speedily</u> arrived at the scene.

Steadily Runners steadily increase their pace towards the end of the race.

**tediously** Marjorie, the hotel housekeeper, <u>tediously</u> completed making all of the beds.

USUALY Doctor Field <u>usually</u> arrives on schedule for his appointments.

weekends We like to travel on weekends to nearby destinations.

Weekly The children enjoy the weekly arrival of Grandma and Grandpop.

yearly It is good for everyone to take a <u>yearly</u> vacation.

yesterday The wind was blowing yesterday.

Attitude Adverbs	(These are just a good
Describe the <u>WAY</u>	<mark>sampling)</mark>
in which an Action	
was Done	
Positive Connotation	Negative Connotation
boldly Jody boldly performed her recital dance routine.	angrily Jake, a 2-year-old, angrily stomped his feet.
bravely The soldier <u>bravely</u> saved another soldier's life.	anxiously God says, one should not respond "anxiously," because the word of God says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6 (NIV)
brightly I love brightly colored clothing!	badly Jessica behaved badly in school.
carefully He carefully assembled the bike.	boastfully  Nebuchadnezzar  boastfully took all of the credit for creating his kingdom and God took him out of his position as king.
cheerfully God says we are to give cheerfully.	Carelessly He drove <u>carelessly</u> and was in an accident.

Attitude Adverbs	(These are just a good
Describe the WAY	<mark>sampling)</mark>
in which an Action	
was Done	
Positive Connotation	Negative Connotation
deftly The Ward Brothers <u>deftly</u> carved duck decoys from wood.	defiantly Jim defiantly disobeyed his parents.
devotedly Rose devotedly took care of her mother.	deliberately The woman  deliberately stole someone's purse.
eagerly Jeff and Vickie <u>eagerly</u> awaited their baby's arrival.	foolishly The prodigal son acted foolishly in wasting his inheritance.
elegantly The young woman was  elegantly dressed in a modest gown.	hastily The prodigal's father acted hastily in giving his son his inheritance too soon.
faithfully The Lord Jesus Christ faithfully cares for us.	hopelessly Without a relationship with Christ, you are hopelessly lost, because in Christ there is ALWAYS hope!
gleefully  Billy gleefully  played in the spray from the hose.	irritably Meghan <u>irritably</u> responded to her boss's correction.
gracefully The young bride walked gracefully down the aisle.	jealously Joseph's brothers responded jealously to the attention that Joseph got from his father.

Attitude Adverbs	(These are just a good
Describe the WAY	<mark>sampling)</mark>
in which an Action	
was Done	
Positive Connotation	Negative Connotation
happily The children happily played on the swing set.	mortally The soldier was mortally wounded in combat.
honestly It is always best to respond honestly.	nervously  the groom stood nervously  at the front of the  church.
hopefully Jamie prayed hopefully for a complete healing.	obnoxiously  The man responded  obnoxiously to the question asked of him.
innocently Jody innocently replied that she did not take the candy.	poorly Tom scored poorly on his spelling test.
<b>justly</b> The jury acted <u>justly</u> in sending the man to jail for the crime.	rudely Melanie acted <u>rudely</u> by interrupting their conversation.
<b>kindly</b> Hannah acted <u>kindly</u> when she raised money for Hurricane Katrina victims.	Selfishly David selfishly hoarded his toys.

Attitude Adverbs Describe the WAY in which an Action was Done - Continued	(These are just a good sampling)
Positive Connotation	Negative Connotation
merrily Jason merrily built a robot out of his blocks.	Sternly Dan's parents reacted  sternly when they found out he flunked out of his first semester of college.
obediently  Toby, obediently  fetched the ball and brought it back to me.	tenuously The tight rope walker tenuously balanced on the rope.
perfectly Joan's new dress fit perfectly.	Wearily Sam wearily climbed the stairs after a long day's work.
politely  Alex politely asked to go outside to play.	wildly The injured bird wildly fluttered its wings.
powerfully The gymnast  powerfully completed her floor exercises.	
Safely The Apollo 11 astronauts were the first people to land <u>safely</u> on the moon.	
thankfully Jerome thankfully gave glory to the Lord for his success.	

Adverbs Describe	MIXED Connotations
the <u>WAY</u>	
in which an Action	(These are just a good
was Done -Continued	<mark>sampling)</mark>
accidentally Jacob accidentally made a wrong turn at the red light.	frankly The man spoke <u>frankly</u> about the previous sinful life he had led before he came to Christ.
almost The book is almost completed.	hardly We had hardly taken a bite at dinner when the doorbell rang.
awkwardly The young man awkwardly proposed to the girl he loved.	hungrily  The boy from Ethiopia  hungrily ate the meal as though he had never eaten before.
barely In some countries, people barely have enough to live on.	inquisitively The man inquisitively asked the woman's age.
blindly  You cannot blindly follow just anyone, you must make sure he or she is a truly Godly person.	largely Her financial wealth was  largely due to the fact that she received an inheritance.

Adverbs Describe the <u>WAY</u>	MIXED Connotations
in which an Action	(These are just a good
was Done -Continued	<mark>sampling)</mark>
Certainly  He <u>certainly</u> made money  for himself in business,  because now he's a  millionaire.	lazily Her husband lazily stretched out on the couch.
completely Jimmy, you must completely finish your homework before you can go out to play.	loosely The definition of modesty is very loosely defined these days.
COYIY She <u>coyly</u> responded "Maybe" to his request to court her.	loudly The radio blared loudly as they rode in the car.
Crazily The drunk drove crazily from side to side.	madly The young couple are madly in love.
doubtfully He doubtfully believed that he would ever be President again.	merely It was not merely her beauty that made the man admire the woman, but also her brain.
dramatically  She dramatically replied, "I will indeed marry you!"	MOPE Beat the batter a little more.

Adverbs Describe the <u>WAY</u>	MIXED Connotations
in which an Action was Done -Continued	(These are just a good sampling)
dutifully The teacher dutifully graded papers on the weekend.	mysteriously  The news said the  man mysteriously  disappeared.
enormously  grateful for the gift of money.	NO No, I do not want to go to the game.
evenly The cookies were divided evenly between the children.	<b>NOT</b> Sometimes the dishwasher works and sometimes not.
only The job is only available in this city.	Somewhat The patient is somewhat better.
precisely At precisely 2:00 p.m. the organist began the wedding march.	Surprisingly Surprisingly, the team won even though their most valuable player was on the injured list.
predictably Predictably, the marriage did not last after he had an affair.	SUSPICIOUSLY The detective suspiciously watched the activity at the gas station.
roughly She rightfully broke up with the young man, because he grabbed her roughly.	<b>†00</b> Please wash the dishes and clean the counter <u>too</u> .

Adverbs Describe the <u>WAY</u> in which	MIXED Connotations
an Action was Done -Continued	(These are just a good sampling)
Seriously  She <u>seriously</u> considered taking the job offer, but then decided to turn it down.	unexpectedly  The soldier arrived  home  unexpectedly on leave.
Shakily After hearing the news of her husband's death, she shakily fell to her knees.	<b>Very</b> Today's temperature outside is <u>very</u> hot.
<b>Sharply</b> She reacted sharply to a question about her age. OR	Well Michael did well on his math exam.
She dressed sharply for her job interview.	
Silently She silently nodded "Yes" to his proposal of marriage.	YES "Yes, I am ready to run."
<b>Slightly</b> He was slightly taller than his brother.	
Softly The new Mom softly stroked her baby's head.	
Solemnly He solemnly said he would tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing, but the truth.	

Adverbs Describe	(These are just a good
Direction and	<mark>sampling)</mark>
<b>Proximity</b>	
apart I read about a couple who lived apart during the Pandemic, one lived in Canada and the other in the U.S.	nearby You can walk to the many stores and conveniences nearby.
Close The father said, "Don't sit so close to my daughter while you're courting her."	north We drove north to Maine.
east We flew east to get to Florida.	right Turn right at the next light to get to the grocery store.
everywhere Last night, there were lightning bugs everywhere!	<b>South</b> From Maryland, we flew <u>south</u> to get to Georgia.
<b>far</b> We drove <u>far</u> from  North Carolina to Maine in 2 days.	there "Stand over there, so that I can take your picture."
here "Come here, so that I can see you!	together "I'm so glad we could drive together, instead of in separate cars."
<b>NEAR</b> Your family lives <u>near</u> Waco, Texas.	<b>West</b> "I would like to drive <u>west</u> and see the Rocky Mountains."

## We like to give everyone an opportunity to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Let's pray!

Lord Jesus the Christ,

I've made so many mistakes I must confess.

I repent of them now and turn from them.

I no longer want that mess.

Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God and believe in your resurrection.

I want to be a child of God and receive your love and affection.

Lord Jesus the Christ be my Savior.

Come into my heart.

Cleanse me now of all unrighteousness and give me a brand-new start.

I ask for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
and the baptism by Holy fire too.

I WANT to be changed and to do the RIGHT things I need help from you.

Please help me to read, write, and do my math.

I want to start learning today.

I want my life to take a turn and start in a whole new way.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for helping me to learn.

I KNOW you can help make my ability, greater than anyone ever imagined and bring back my self-respect and dignity.

I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus the

Christ

I say "Amen" and make it sure.

Now I'll start learning the RIGHT way.

I KNOW Lord Jesus, YOU are the door.

AMEN!

What should you do now as a new Christian?

You should also be baptized by immersion,
meaning that you're dunked totally under the
water, you are dunked and brought right back
up, that's the way Christ was baptized and
we're supposed to follow HIS example of what
to do. So, be baptized by immersion and then
ask the Lord where you should be going to
church. What is the church that He would like
you to go to?

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