

SHAPING THE PARTS OF SPEECH

Wow! You're learning this quickly! Now that you can identify the adverb and the word or phrase that it is modifying, let's see if you can add one more step. Can you identify the **part of speech** of the word that the adverb is modifying? Remember that an adverb modifies a verb, an adjective or another adverb.

Directions: In the sentences below, draw a triangle around each adverb (there are 23 total). Then, identify the word(s) being modified by doing the following: draw a squiggly line under it if it's a verb, box it if it's an adjective and draw a triangle around it if it's another adverb. When you're finished, quickly wave both hands at your teacher.

Example: In the very first few pages of the novel, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Francie Nolan and her brother are eagerly collecting junk to trade for pennies.

1. The Nolans were an extremely poor family, and occasionally there was not enough food.
2. Although their habitually drunk father loved them, it was their compulsively hard-working mother who put food on the table.
3. Through the years, she usually held jobs cleaning quite a few apartments, which sometimes resulted in free rent.
4. With their mother consistently working, there were often days when they were without food.
5. When there wasn't any food, Katie Nolan, their mother, would very frequently have the children pretend that they were on an expedition and had just run out of supplies.
6. Although Katie is somewhat uneducated herself, she desperately wants more for her children.
7. As a result of rather wise advice from her mother, Katie reads nightly to Francie and her brother from the Bible and from Shakespeare.
8. This tremendously influential routine passes along to Katie a lasting ardent love of reading.
9. For a period of time, Francie religiously visits the library every single day and apparently reads a new book every day.
10. Francie's goal is to eventually read all of the books in the substantially huge New York Public Library.

