

# Adverbs • • • • • Rules to Remember

**Rule: Adverbs are words that describe a verb or an adjective.**

Why don't monsters ever eat clowns?

... They taste funny.

- *Explanation: The adverb "funny" tells more about the verb "taste."*

What goes up without ever coming down?

... your age

- *Explanation: The adverb "up" tells more about the verb "goes."*

Why did the firefly fail the test?

... He wasn't very bright.

- *Explanation: The word "very" tells more about the verb "bright."*



**Rule: Adverbs tell how, when, where, and to what degree.**

Doctor: "You have acute appendicitis."

Patient: "I came here to be treated, not complimented!"

Why should you never tell a secret near a clock?

... because time will tell

Why is it so hard for a ladybug to play hide and seek?

... because she's always spotted

**Rule: Many adverbs end with the letters ly.**

Did George Washington ever hunt bear?

... No, he was always fully clothed when he went hunting.

Who deliberately drives away every customer?

... a taxicab driver

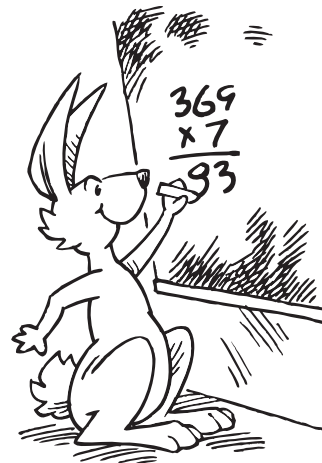
Why are rabbits so good at math?

... They really know how to multiply.

What did the magnet say to the steel?

... "I find you irresistibly attractive."

- *Note: The "e" at the end of the adjective "irresistible" was dropped before the "ly" was added.*

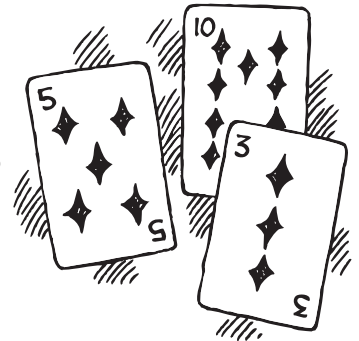


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**Directions:** Write the adverb from the box that best completes each joke. Use each word once.

|      |            |         |            |        |
|------|------------|---------|------------|--------|
| ever | rarely     | always  | really     | simply |
| down | truthfully | quickly | repeatedly | early  |

1. How can you \_\_\_\_\_ cool down a bath that's too hot?  
... Dump in a pot of chili.
2. What's the only thing you can break \_\_\_\_\_ by saying its name?  
... silence
3. Why should you hope the rain keeps up?  
... So it won't come \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Why don't Batman and Robin \_\_\_\_\_ go fishing together?  
... Robin eats all the worms.
5. What did one fly say to another?  
... "You \_\_\_\_\_ bug me."
6. What question can you never \_\_\_\_\_ answer yes?  
... Are you asleep?
7. Teacher: "What is the speed of light?"  
Student: "I don't know, but it gets here too \_\_\_\_\_  
in the morning."
8. Where can you \_\_\_\_\_ find diamonds?  
... in a deck of cards
9. Why did the boy \_\_\_\_\_ kick his computer?  
... He wanted to boot it up.
10. Why do anteaters \_\_\_\_\_ become ill?  
... because they're full of anty bodies



# Answer Key

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1. quickly
2. simply
3. down
4. ever
5. really
6. truthfully
7. early
8. always
9. repeatedly
10. rarely