

Year 6 English Assessment: The Power of Adverbs

Learning objective: To identify, use, and explain the function of adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility and to express time, place, and manner.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your answers use correct punctuation and British English spelling. You have 30 minutes to complete this assessment.

Max the monkey sat in the jungle canopy. He was calculating the trajectory of a falling coconut, which he had observed landing precisely on a mossy rock earlier. 'I will definitely solve this puzzle,' he muttered quietly, scribbling notes into his notebook. Below him, Pip the caterpillar crawled slowly along a broad leaf, searching for a tasty snack. The sun shone brightly above them both, casting long shadows across the forest floor.

Word bank: certainly · perhaps · frequently · cautiously · nearby · yesterday · undoubtedly · nowhere

1. Identify two adverbs of manner from the passage that describe how an action is performed. (2 marks)

2. Look at the sentence: 'I will definitely solve this puzzle.' Explain what the adverb 'definitely' adds to the meaning of the sentence. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite the following sentence by adding an adverb of frequency to show how often Nova the owl visits the library: 'Nova visits the library to read about the stars.' (2 marks)

4. Circle the adverb of possibility in this sentence: 'Perhaps the weather will change tomorrow.' Then, write your own sentence using an adverb of possibility to describe an explorer's journey. (4 marks)

5. Explain the difference between an adverb of place and an adverb of time. Provide one original example for each. (4 marks)

6. Identify the fronted adverbial in this sentence: 'Quietly, the lion crept towards the waterhole.' Explain why a comma is used after the word 'Quietly'. (3 marks)

7. Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) describing a day out with Ellie the elephant. You must use at least four different adverbs, including one adverb of possibility and one adverb of time. Ensure your writing is descriptive and accurately punctuated. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene where Max the monkey is carefully building a structure. Label your drawing with an adverb of manner and an adverb of place to describe his actions.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you replace the adverbs in your paragraph with more ambitious vocabulary, such as 'undoubtedly' or 'occasionally', to enhance the tone?