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**Lesson 11.5.5 Adverbs**

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**EXERCISE 1 Recognizing Adverbs**

In the following paragraph, put one line under all the adverbs. Add a second line under the adverbs that serve as intensifiers.

**EXAMPLE** Comics have always been one of the most widely enjoyed forms of American popular culture.

<sup>1</sup>Comic strips came first in the 1890s, and then comic books followed several decades later. <sup>2</sup>Americans read comic strips very eagerly from the moment they originally appeared in daily newspapers. <sup>3</sup>Among the most popular early comic strips was Frederick Opper’s *Happy Hooligan*. <sup>4</sup>Happy, a gentle hobo who never loses his good humor although being extraordinarily unlucky, well represents the slapstick humor that is so basic a part of the comic-strip tradition. <sup>5</sup>Winsor McCay, who boldly experimented with graphic forms, created a very different type of comic strip in *Little Nemo in Slumberland*. <sup>6</sup>In McCay’s fantasy, the appearances of objects are wildly stretched and weirdly distorted. <sup>7</sup>McCay creates a child’s dream that almost becomes a nightmare. <sup>8</sup>When comic books first appeared in the 1930s, most were merely reprints of comic strips. <sup>9</sup>Then in June 1938, *Action Comics* No. 1 introduced Superman, and comics suddenly changed forever. <sup>10</sup>The superhero comic had now arrived, and American popular culture was never the same again.

Remember that many adverbs may be placed either before or after the verbs they modify.

**Examples:**

*Eagerly*, he collected comics.

He *eagerly* collected comics.

He collected comics *eagerly*.

**EXERCISE 2 Using Adverbs to Revise Sentences**

Revise the following sentences on the lines below, using adverbs to provide more information and create interest for the reader.

**EXAMPLE** Superhero comics influence American popular culture.  
Superhero comics **deeply** influence American popular culture **today**.

1. Filmmakers use superheroes.

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2. I enjoy films adapted from superhero comics.

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3. She reads a graphic novel.

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4. The comic book store was crowded.

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5. He created a funny idea for a cartoon.

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