

Adverbs

An **adverb** tells us more about **how**, **when** or **where** the action of a verb takes place.

How: The lightning flashed brightly.

When: The thunder rumbled later.

Where: The rain fell here.

Adverbs are sometimes used in **pairs** to make the meaning clearer.

The rain fell **very heavily**.

These **adverbs** tell us more about other adverbs.

quite only so almost very rather less most



A pair of **adverbs** is also known as an **adverbial**.

Focus

Read the sentences. Find the *pair of adverbs* in each sentence.

- 1 The cat crept rather slowly towards the bird.
- 2 The bird was quite happily pulling a worm from the ground.
- 3 Very quietly, the cat crept closer.
- 4 Almost silently, the cat jumped towards the bird.
- 5 The bird flew away very quickly and landed in a tree.

