

Adjectives and adverbs



A **phrase** is a group of words.

Sometimes a single **adjective** is not enough to **describe** a noun or pronoun.

We can use a **phrase** so that the reader has a clear picture of what we are writing about.

Look at this picture.

We could describe the picture like this.

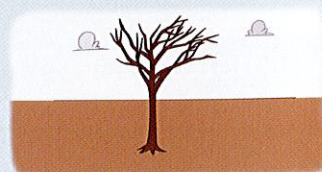
That tree is a **young** apple tree.

young = single adjective

A reader would have a much clearer picture of the tree if we wrote:

That tree **with the bare branches** is a young apple tree.

with the bare branches = adjective phrase



Sometimes, a single **adverb** is not enough to tell us **how**, **when** or **where** something happens.

We can use a **phrase** to describe **how**, **when** or **where** something happens so that the reader has a clear picture of what is happening.

Look at this picture.

We could write about what is happening like this:

The boy came downstairs **noisily**. **noisily** = single adverb

A reader would have a much clearer idea of what happened if we wrote:

The boy came downstairs with **heavy, thudding footsteps**.

with heavy, thudding footsteps = adverb phrase



An **adverb phrase** is also known as an **adverbial**.

Focus

Find the *adjective* or *adverb phrase* in each sentence.

- 1 He ran the race surprisingly well.
- 2 I'll be there in less than an hour.
- 3 The wind was cold and biting.
- 4 My books are in the room upstairs.
- 5 My brother was covered in mud.

