

## Practice Test Topic 43: The adverb

### ACTIVITY 1

Form adverbs or adverbial expressions on the following adjectives.

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| direct   | short       |
| silly    | mere        |
| simple   | present     |
| dry      | sympathetic |
| royal    | accidental  |
| weekly   | difficult   |
| good     | noisy       |
| friendly | eager       |

### ACTIVITY 2

Are the underlined words adverbs or adjectives? Give syntactic reasons for your answers.

1. Don't work too hard!
2. He pressed harder than he needed to.
3. The first problem seemed harder than the second.
4. It was a hard act to follow.
5. Don't be too hard on him.
6. She seemed well enough to go to school.
7. She did remarkably well.
8. Can't you do better than that?
9. I felt asleep.
10. She went ashore.

### ACTIVITY 3

All the following words can be adverbs. Complete the text, using adverbs from among this list. Each word can be used ONCE only.

|       |         |       |         |
|-------|---------|-------|---------|
| first | firstly | near  | nearly  |
| hard  | hardly  | late  | lately  |
| high  | highly  | right | rightly |
| just  | justly  | wrong | wrongly |
| last  | lastly  |       |         |

There has been an unfortunate increase in burglaries ..... which the police - ..... or ..... - attribute to the carelessness of many householders. So, if you value your property, you should think ..... about the problem, and not ..... hope for the best.

....., make sure that all your outside doors have secure locks.

Next, check the windows. .... all casual burglars get in through an insecure door, even a window left open.

So, whenever you go out, lock up. It ..... makes sense to invite burglars into your home!

Then, if you're likely to get home ....., leave a light on.

Next, consider some more sophisticated measures. Many householders today have infra-red outside lights -somewhere not too ..... on a wall- which can go on automatically if someone comes ..... Other people think ..... of alarm systems, which also set off by an intruder.

..... don't just think about it. Act now -..... away!

**ACTIVITY 4**

**Rewrite the following in the most straightforward word order.**

1. The prizefight .....

on 22 April/will be held/in Glasgow/at St Andrew's Sporting Club

2. 'I .....

until Thursday/again/so I can relax and practise a bit/don't play.'

3. said .....

later/the defending snooker champion/at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre where the championships are being held

4. This .....

for some years/in London/maybe the last time a snooker competition is staged

5. According .....

in a minor road race/to her coach/Rosa Mota's most impressive performance was/last summer

6. She .....

only two days after a 10 km mini-marathon in New York/10 km /at Boulder, Colorado/ran

7. Hull saw Wolves skipper .....

from near the line/in the closing seconds of the game/Ron Hindmarch clear the ball

8. Nottingham Forest .....

at City Ground/beat Chelsea 7-0/yesterday

9. Golfer Fred Couples of the USA .....  
in Paris/at la Boulie/led the field in the Tournois Perrier de Paris/today
10. The talented young Yugoslav tennis player hit 22 aces .....  
last year/on clay/to beat Becker/at the French Open
11. Bjorn Borg won .....  
five times/between 1976 and 1980/the Wimbledon tennis championships
12. After retiring in 1983, he .....  
on 23 April/returned to tennis/1991/in the Monte Carlo Open

**ACTIVITY 5**

**Add the adverbs below in the best places in the sentences to produce the meanings that are indicated in the brackets.**

Example:

*Amazingly: He manages to dance well with his metal leg.*

- (a) (It is a surprising fact that he can dance): Amazingly, he manages to dance well with his metal leg.
- (b) (very well indeed): He manages to dance amazingly well with his metal leg.

**(1) badly:**

- (a) *I need your help* (very much) .....
- (b) *They organised the meeting* (not at all well) .....

**(2) even: I don't try to understand the rules.**

- (a) (There's no point in trying) .....
- (b) (You may be surprised that I of all people don't) .....

**(3) just: I sat and waited for ten minutes.**

- (a) (That's all I did) .....
- (b) (For ten minutes exactly) .....

**(4) only: I have come because I think you can help.**

- (a) (I have no other reason for coming) .....
- (b) (Nobody except you can help).....

**(5) possibly: The guide told us we could not get to Aseila the next day.**

- (a) (I am not sure what the guide told us)  
.....
- (b) (He said there was no possibility of our getting there)  
.....

**(6)** *really: I enjoyed it.*

(a) (very much) .....

(b) (in fact, I admit) .....

**(7)** *simply: Please try to explain what it is you want.*

(a) (don't try to do anything else)

.....

(b) (don't try to use such long words)

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## ANSWER KEY

### ACTIVITY 1

|   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <u>direct</u> direct/directly                         | <u>short</u> short/shortly         |
| <u>silly</u> in a silly way                           | <u>mere</u> merely                 |
| <u>simple</u> simply                                  | <u>present</u> presently           |
| <u>dry</u> dryly/drily                                | <u>sympathetic</u> sympathetically |
| <u>royal</u> royally                                  | <u>accidental</u> accidentally     |
| <u>weekly</u> weekly                                  | <u>difficult</u> with difficulty   |
| <u>good</u> well                                      | <u>noisy</u> noisily               |
| <u>friendly</u> in a friendly way/amicably/friendlily | <u>eager</u> eagerly               |

### ACTIVITY 2

1. Don't work too hard! **ADV (adverbial adjunct, modifier of the verb)**
2. He pressed harder than he needed to. **ADV (adverbial adjunct, modifier of the verb)**
3. The first problem seemed harder than the second. **ADJ (subject complement)**
4. It was a hard act to follow. **ADJ (premodifier of a NP)**
5. Don't be too hard on him. **ADJ (subject complement)**
6. She seemed well enough to go to school. **ADJ (subject complement)**
7. She did remarkably well. **ADV (adverbial adjunct, modifier of the verb)**
8. Can't you do better than that? **ADV (adverbial adjunct, modifier of the verb)**
9. I felt asleep. **ADJ (subject complement)**
10. She went ashore. **ADV (adverbial adjunct, modifier of the verb + an adjective cannot be used with verbs of motions such as go)**

### ACTIVITY 3

There has been an unfortunate increase in burglaries **LATELY** which the police **RIGHTLY** or **WRONGLY** - attribute to the carelessness of many householders. So, if you value your property, you should think **HARD** about the problem, and not **JUST** hope for the best.

**FIRST / FIRSTLY**, make sure that all your outside doors have secure locks.

Next, check the windows. **NEARLY** all casual burglars get in through an insecure door, even a window left open.

So, whenever you go out, lock up. It **HARDLY** makes sense to invite burglars into your home!

Then, if you're likely to get home **LATE**, leave a light on.

Next, consider some more sophisticated measures. Many householders today have infra-red outside lights -somewhere not too **HIGH** on a wall- which can go on automatically if someone comes **NEAR**. Other people think **HIGHLY** of alarm systems, which also set off by an intruder.

**LAST / LASTLY** don't just think about it. Act now **RIGHT** away!

#### ACTIVITY 4

1. The prizefight **will be held at St Andrew's Sporting Club in Glasgow on 22 April.**
2. 'I **don't play again until Thursday so I can relax and practice a bit.**
3. said **the defending snooker champion later at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre where the championships are being held.**
4. This **may be the last time a snooker competition is staged in London for some years.**
5. According **to her coach, Rosa Mota's most impressive performance was in a minor road race last summer.**
6. She **ran 10 km at Boulder, Colorado, only two days after a 10 km mini-marathon in New York.**
7. Hull saw Wolves skipper **Ron Hindmarch clear the ball from near the line in the closing seconds of the game.**
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11. Bjorn Borg won **the Wimbledon tennis championships five times between 1976 and 1980.**
12. After retiring in 1983, he **returned to tennis in the Monte Carlo Open on 23 April 1991.**

#### ACTIVITY 5

(1) *badly*:

- (a) *I need your help* (very much): I badly need your help.
- (b) *They organised the meeting* (not at all well): They organised the meeting badly.

(2) *even*: *I don't try to understand the rules.*

- (a) (There's no point in trying): I don't even try to understand the rules.
- (b) (You may be surprised that I of all people don't): Even I don't try to understand the rules.

(3) *just*: *I sat and waited for ten minutes.*

- (a) (That's all I did): I just sat and waited for ten minutes.
- (b) (For ten minutes exactly): I sat and waited for just ten minutes.

(4) *only*: *I have come because I think you can help.*

- (a) (I have no other reason for coming): I have only come because I think you can help.
- (b) (Nobody except you can help): I have come because I think only you can help.

(5) *possibly*: *The guide told us we could not get to Aseila the next day.*

- (a) (I am not sure what the guide told us): The guide possibly told us we could not get to Aseila the next day.
- (b) (He said there was no possibility of our getting there): The guide told us we could not possibly get to Aseila the next day.

(6) *really*: *I enjoyed it.*

- (a) (very much): I really enjoyed it.

(b) (in fact, I admit): Really, I enjoyed it / I enjoyed it, really.

**(7)** *simply: Please try to explain what it is you want.*

(a) (don't try to do anything else): Please simply try to explain what it is you want.

(b) (don't try to use such long words): Please try to explain simply what it is you want.