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What is a verb?

A word which shows action or the state of something.

What is an adverb?

A word that gives more detail to a verb.*

*More about this later!

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So far you have seen 'action' verbs.

Verbs can also show the state of how something is, and be used to control tense.

Some common verbs like this are...

To be

I am	I was
You are	You were
He/She/It/Name is	He was
We are	We were
You are	You were
They are	They were

To have

I have	I had
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He has	He had
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Remember we said adverbs give more detail about a verb?

There is ALOT more that they do.

They can also modify (change) adjectives and other adverbs...

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Confused?

Often we think adverbs end in -ly...
This is often true, but not always:

The cowardly lion

'cowardly' is an adjective

He works hard

'hard' is the adverb

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Confused?

Just remember this...

Adverbs tell you how, when, where, or why something happened.

Adjectives tell you what kind, which, or how many.

Also...

Many -ly words *are* adverbs!