Adverbs have the main role of modifying verbs but can modify adjectives, other adverbs, sentences, clauses and phrases.

1. **Adverbs can modify VERBS**: Example: /I walked fast across the parlour./ /Go well! I bear no grudge against you.

2. **Adverbs can modify an adjective**: /The movie was *very* interesting./ /The apparently beautiful lady did a lot of make-up./ /He is *somewhat* kind to his neighbors./

3. **Adverbs can modify other adverbs**: /He fought the criminals *so* valiantly./ /He spoke to his mother *rather* drowsily, that she thought he was in pains and wounded./ /He *almost* entirely stole the show from the main actors./

4. **Adverbs can modify a clause**: /"I am going for a run *later*, so I don't want to eat anything now."/ /I am seeking for the best *now*, in order to guarantee a brighter future for my kids./ /He likes the children *evidently*, and will not spare any occasion to spend time with them./

5. **Adverbs can modify a whole sentence**: /Indeed, the complaining children were starving./

6. **Modifying a noun phrase**: It takes *quite* a lot of courage to jump from a plane./ *Strikingly* a man of dignity, he did not react to the insults hurled on him./