ADVERBS

An adverb is a word or phrase that describes a verb, eg. he runs quickly. When you look up an adverb in your Chambers Harrap’s French School Dictionary you will see adverb in blue next to the word.

➡️ See page xi of your Chambers Harrap’s French School Dictionary for more information on adverbs.

First of all, to make sure you really know what an adverb is, try to think of as many different ways as you can to describe how you speak and write them in English in the scroll below. An example has been given.

From your list above you will notice that many adverbs in English finish in “-ly”.

Using your Chambers Harrap’s French School Dictionary if you need to, find the French translation of each of your adverbs and write them in the scroll below.

From your list above you will notice that the “-ly” on English adverbs is the equivalent of “-ment” in French adverbs.
Use your *Chambers Harrap’s French School Dictionary* to help you to complete the sentences below.

- Le professeur explique ____________ (clearly).
- Ma sœur parle ____________ (fluently) l’espagnol.
- Ma mère conduit ____________ (slowly) en ville.
- Ces frites sont ____________ (particularly) bonnes.
- Les hommes politiques s’expriment parfois ____________ (aggressively).
- Nous voyons nos grand-parents ____________ (regularly).
- J’adore la musique, ____________ (especially) la musique classique.
- Les enfants courent très ____________ (quickly).

The last two sentences did not finish with “-ment” in the French, so be careful of these adverbs.

Optional: using your dictionary as necessary, translate these sentences into English and circle the adverb in English.

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Adverbs of Frequency

Adverbs of frequency tell you how often you do something, eg. *sometimes*, *never*, *rarely* etc.

The following pyramids should help you to remember the adverbs of frequency. Using the English pyramid as a reference, complete the French pyramid with the words in the box below.

If you are unsure of the meanings of any of the French adverbs, use your *Chambers Harrap’s French School Dictionary* to help you.

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**Les adverbes**

*ne.....jamais*  *quelquefois / parfois*
*toujours*  *rarement*
*souvent*
Now look at the following examples and underline the adverbs of frequency.

- Je bois toujours du lait au petit déjeuner.
- Il ne va jamais au cinéma.
- Elle vient parfois.
- Ils jouent souvent au rugby.
- Nous mangeons rarement avant 18 heures.

Now, using your dictionary as necessary, translate these sentences into English and circle the adverb in English.

- __________________________
- __________________________
- __________________________
- __________________________
- __________________________
- __________________________

Circle the correct word to complete the following rule.

**Rule:** When using adverbs of frequency in French, the adverb comes after / before the verb.

Using this rule to help you, try to unscramble the following sentences:

- lève elle huit se heures à toujours.
- devoirs fais l’avance jamais tu tes ne à.
- rarement vélo font ils parc du au.
- ils parfois énervent s’.
- en copains souvent je avec ville mes vais.
LE MOT CACHÉ

If you’re feeling very confident with your adverbs and fancy a challenge, try this puzzle.

1. Unscramble each of the clue words.

2. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.

MATRERNE

CÉMENTRFO

TNNELMETE

TOUSUORJ

RUSEEUHNETME

NOCMUETED

VENEIVMT

REFB

Bravo! Tu as réussi.