

SPAG (spelling punctuation and grammar)

## Focus on adverbs.

**Adverbs mainly describe verbs but they can describe adjectives and even other adverbs. Have a look at this website to help your understanding.**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/zgsgxfr>

### Task 1

The **extremely** cute cat slept.

The cat purred rather **noisily**

**Usually**, the cat is sleeping.

**The adverbs are in bold above. Can you use an adverb each time to complete these phrases below?**

She said... he walked.....

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### Task 2

Adverbs can move around a sentence like a roving reporter. If they start the sentence they are called fronted adverbials and will need a comma after them. Look at the examples below and discuss where the adverb is each time:

The bear climbed up the tree swiftly.

The bear climbed swiftly up the tree.

The bear swiftly climbed up the tree.

Swiftly, the bear climbed up the tree.

As above, can we move the adverb around each time to create a slightly different sentence to the one below?

The man was watching **happily** as his child fed the ducks.

Can we make 3 more sentences?

### Task 3

Can you find the adverbs in the paragraph below?

Smugly, I had pictured myself expertly growing the best cress seeds in the class-mine tall, green and healthy-looking while all the others were wilted, thin and mangy. Sadly, this turned out not exactly to be the case. Apparently, we were supposed to set up four different dishes and treat the things differently to show some point or other. I wasn't really listening and just set up one dish.

## **Task 4**

Adverbs can change the mood of a sentence or paragraph written.

E.g.

The man watched fearfully as the child balanced precariously on the edge of the pool.

Discuss where the adverbs are above and how changing them below can give a different mood to the sentence.

The man watched proudly as the child balanced skilfully on the edge of the pool.

Can you change the adverbs in each sentence below to change the mood?

The child paddled happily watching the water flow lazily over the edge.

Kelsie ran slowly along the beach as the waves rolled gently in.

The boy listened hopefully as the footsteps came reassuringly closer.

The women waited expectantly for the number 59 bus to arrive punctually.

## **Spellings**

Practice these five year 5/6 spelling words. Use each one correctly in their own separate sentence each time.

1. Amateur
2. Ancient
3. Apparent
4. Appreciate
5. Attached

## **English**

In English we are looking at formal letter writing. We are going to write a formal letter to apply for the role of Aztec Warrior that we did a persuasive job advert for last week. Below is a modelled example of what a formal letter would like to apply for the role of a priest in Aztec times.

Mr D.  
Saunders,  
30 Palace Avenue,  
London,  
LN3 4AZ.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1352.

Mr Hepakachu,  
32 Aztec road,  
Mexico,  
North America.

Dear Mr Hepakachu,

I am writing to you to apply for the role of High Priest of the Aztec kingdom. Firstly let me explain my background. I am son to a priest myself so I have highborn blood. Although I do not have a lot of experience within the role, I am an extremely quick learner who can adapt swiftly to different situations.

In addition, I would like to discuss my physical attributes. As a child (sixteen) people have often undermasted my strength and physical presence, however I can assure you I am extremely capable of fulfilling all the jobs required within this role.

Furthermore, if I was to be given this privileged responsibility I would make sure that I will take my human sacrifices very seriously. I have no issues with blood and understand the importance of sacrificing others to keep our Gods content. My robe, which I know will be blood-splattered, will be worn with pride at all times.

In conclusion, I hope I have convinced you that I would be a marvellous asset to the priest team. I would relish the opportunity to discuss this further. I eagerly await your response,

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Saunders.

Use this example and the grid below (to develop your ideas) to write your letter of application for the role of Aztec Warrior.

<p><b>Set up:</b> Your address in the top right hand corner with the date underneath. Then the address of the person receiving the letter on the left hand side underneath yours.</p>	
<p><b>Opening:</b> Explain why you are writing and who you are. Briefly sell yourself and say a little bit about your background.</p>	
<p><b>Middle:</b> Three things that will make you sound the perfect person for the job role. Use formal conjunctions to start each point.</p> <p>Firstly, furthermore, in addition...</p> <p>Make sure the reader knows you are perfect for the role and that you wouldn't want to do any other job!</p>	
<p><b>End:</b> Your final chance to sell yourself and explain that you hope to hear from the again soon (start the paragraph off with a suitable conjunction). Sign your letter off in a formal way.</p>	