

**Ben:** Would you **hand me** that **wrench**?

**David:** Sure. What are you doing?

**Ben:** I'm trying to **repair** my bicycle.

**David:** What's wrong with your bike? It looks **fine**.

**Ben:** My **chain** is too **loose**. Every time I ride fast, my chain falls off.

**David:** Can you fix it **by yourself**?

**Ben:** **Absolutely**! I just need to **adjust** the back tire. There! I'm finished.

**David:** You are pretty good at fixing things. Would you help me repair my skateboard? I **took it apart**, and now I can't **figure out** how to **put it back together**.

**Ben:** Okay, but next time, if you don't know how to put it together, you shouldn't take it apart.



- ❖ What can you **take apart** and **put together**?
- ❖ "Adjust" means "to change or move, just a little." What things can you adjust?
- ❖ Why does Ben need to repair his bike?

**Ask a question:** Would you hand me \_\_\_\_\_?

Fill in the blanks below with a word from the dialogue above.

David \_\_\_\_\_ his skateboard, and now he can't \_\_\_\_\_ it  
 \_\_\_\_\_. His friend is \_\_\_\_\_ his bicycle, because his chain is too  
 \_\_\_\_\_. He asks David to \_\_\_\_\_ him a wrench so he can  
 \_\_\_\_\_ the back tire.

You know that adjectives are words that modify nouns.

**Adverbs** are words that can modify **verbs, adjectives, or other adverbs**. In this section, we will focus on adverbs that modify verbs.

- I run **slowly**. ("slowly" modifies "run.")
- He writes **neatly**. ("neatly" modifies "writes.")
- Please drive **carefully**. ("carefully" modifies "drive.")

**\*Most (but not all) adverbs end in "-ly."**

***Look at the sentences below. Can you find the adverbs? Circle the adverbs, and draw an arrow to the verbs that they modify.***

1. Derek rides his bicycle very quickly.
2. Monica talks too quietly, so I can't hear what she is saying.
3. I accidentally hit James, so I said I was sorry.
4. My mother drives very carefully because she doesn't want to have another accident.
5. Wow! Henry sings beautifully!
6. The two girls are playing happily in the park.
7. Doris' father angrily yelled at her last night.
8. We were walking slowly when it started to rain.
9. The teacher was angry because I wrote my homework carelessly.