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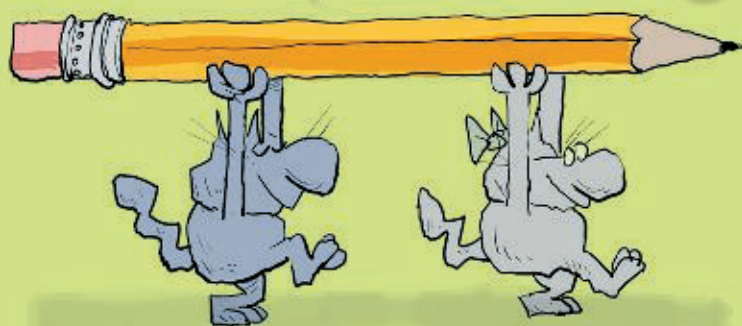


## What Is an Adverb?

One book is never enough to explore the **incredibly** wide range of adverbs! The goofy cats **crazily** deliver loads of additional examples to **entertainingly** illustrate the power of adverbs, including phrasal adverbs.

Brian P. Cleary's playful verse and Brian Gable's comical cats **magically** turn traditional grammar lessons on end. Each adverb is **cleverly** color coded to help readers identify adverbs of manner, adverbs of time, and more. Read this book aloud and share the delight of the sense—and nonsense—of words.

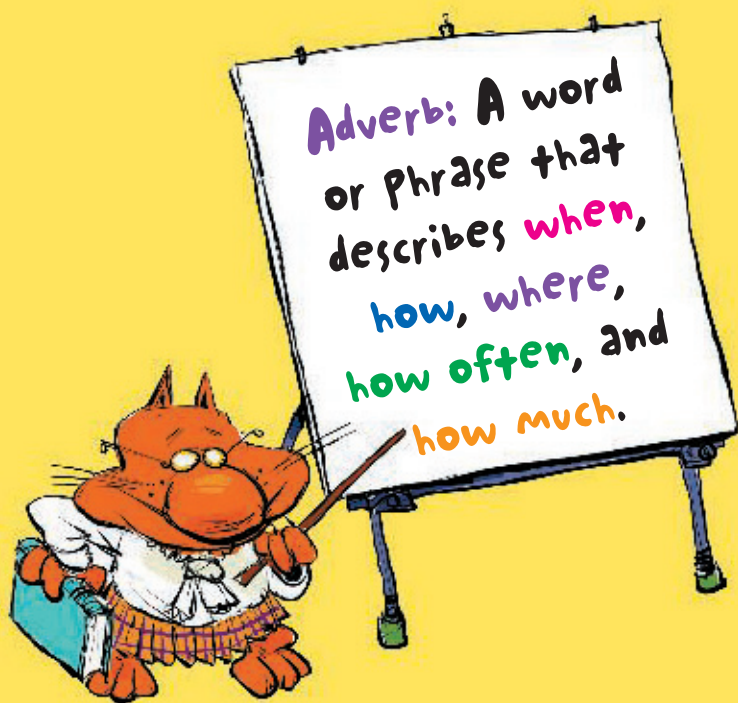
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To Brendan  
—B.P.C.



**Adverb:** A word  
or phrase that  
describes **when**,  
**how**, **where**,  
**how often**, and  
**how much**.

The adverbs in this book are color coded. The colors of the words on this page match the colors of the adverbs in the text. You'll see that all **pink** adverbs tell you when, all **green** adverbs tell you how often, and so on. Watch out for adverbs that tell you how. Some are **light blue** and others are **dark blue**.





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Adverbs **sometimes**  
tell us where,

like *these* are **here**  
and *those* are **there**.



often they will tell us when,



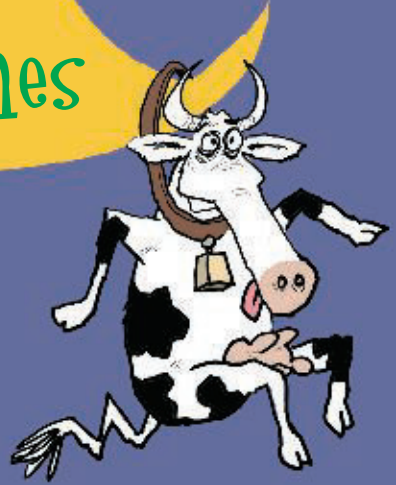
like this is now and

that was then.





Adverbs sometimes  
tell us how,



like, "carefully  
remove this cow."





They let us know how often too,

as in the phrase, "I **seldom** chew".



At times they modify the verb,

as in, "He *slowly* paints the curb."



*Cheerily*, she rose from bed.



*Eerily*, he stared ahead.







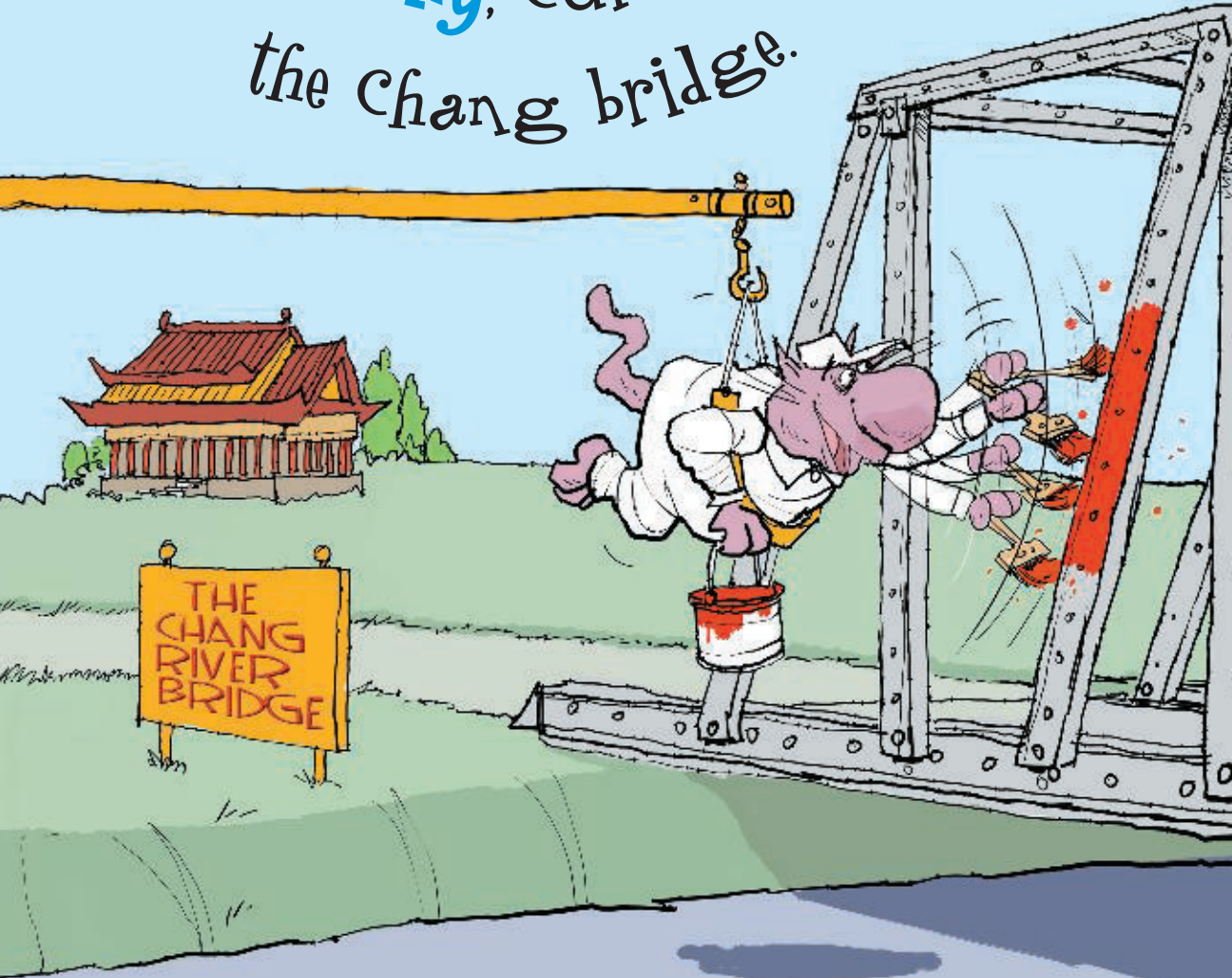
Lazily sleeping,  
nasally weeping,

a dude eating food  
while he's rudely beep-beeping.





*Crazily*, curtis repainted  
the Chang bridge.



Adverbs add all kinds  
of life to our language!

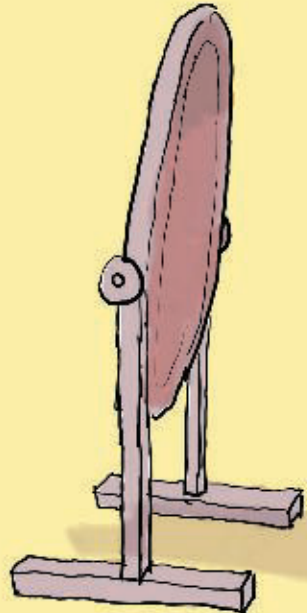


They help give  
adjectives a boost,

as in, "This price is  
**quite** reduced!"



**Very** pretty,



wryly funny,



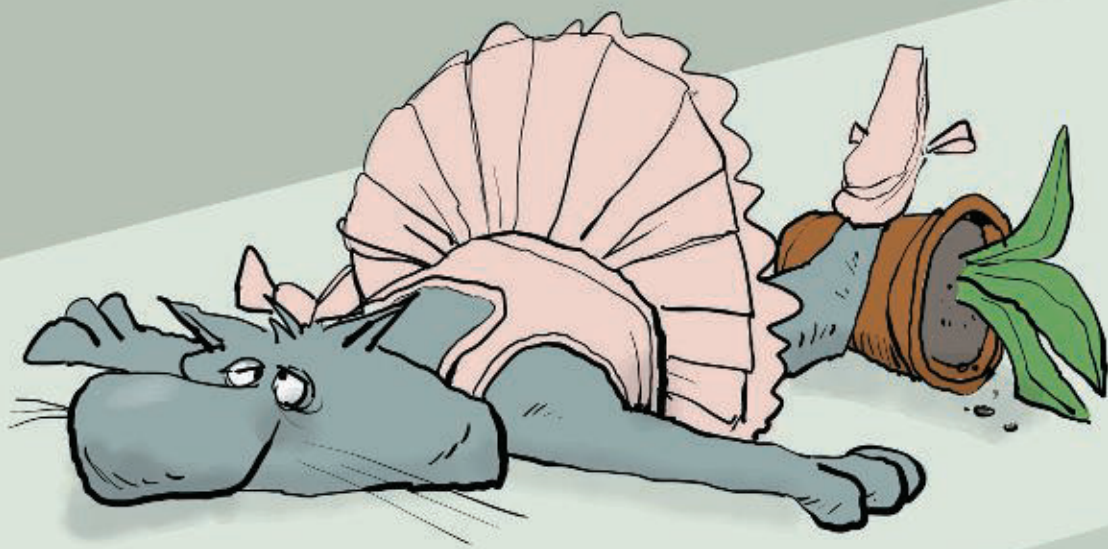
dismally dark,

and blindingly sunny.





Sometimes "how much" is the  
question they answer,

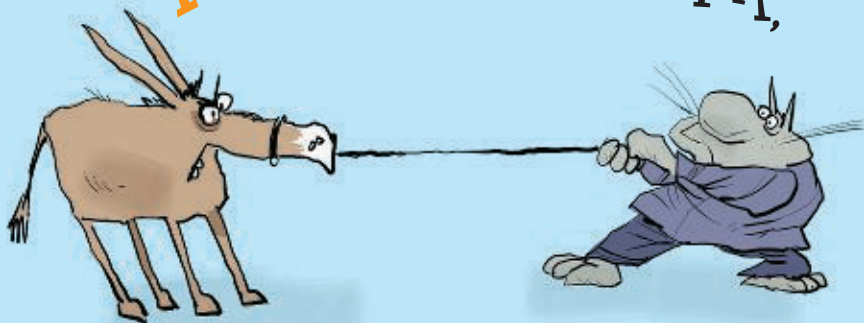


as in, "she's a **totally** terrible dancer."

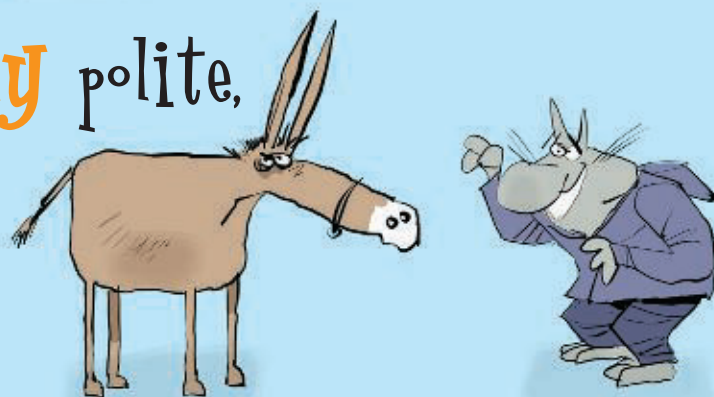




partially stubborn,



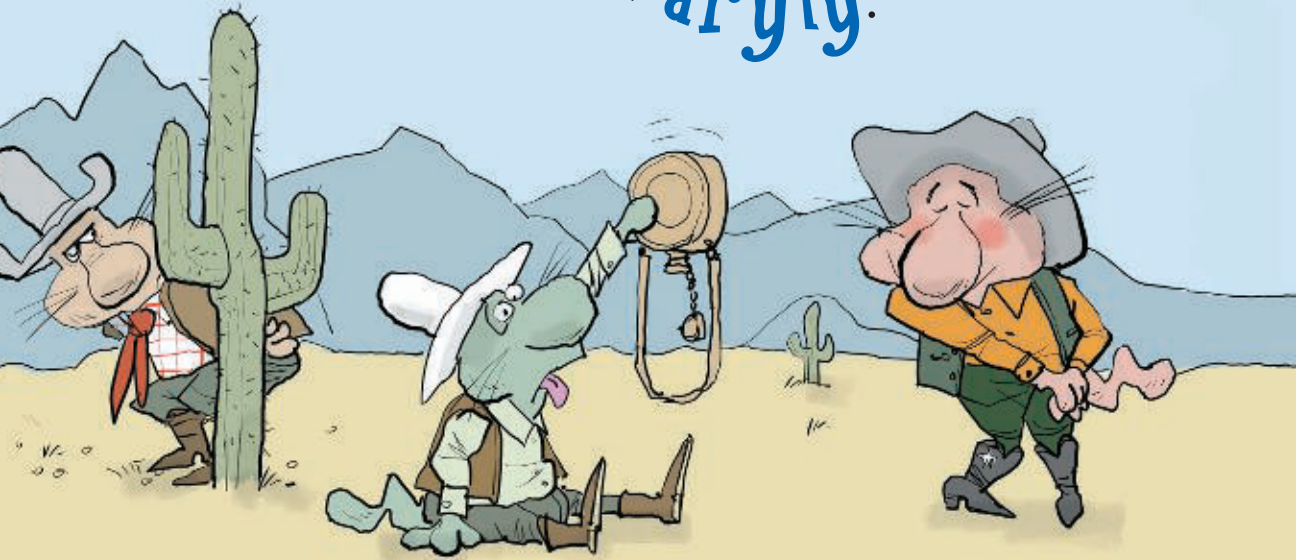
barely polite,



hardly been fed on  
this awfully cold night.



Adverbs are words  
like *slyly* and *dryly*.

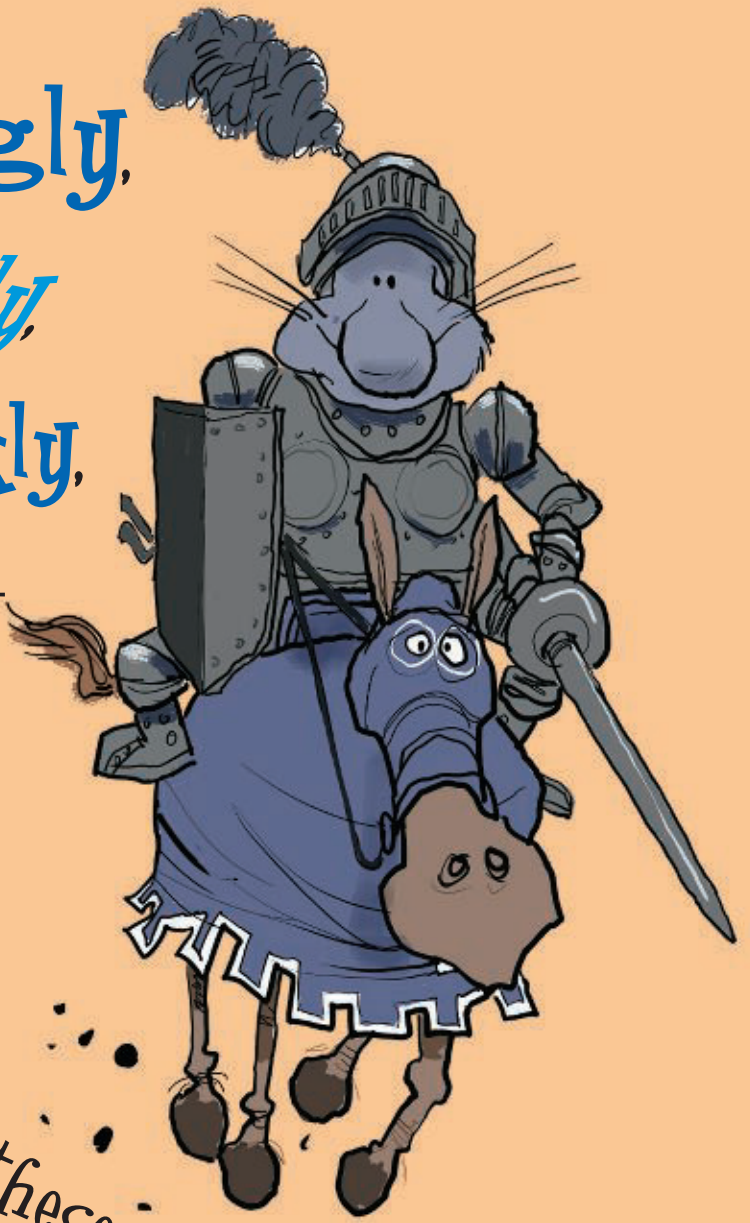


They help tell us more, as in,

"He answered *shyly*."



Daringly,  
*dashing*ly,  
darkly,  
directly—



you guessed these were adverbs?

Then you guessed **correctly**!





So are **bleakly**,

**blandly**,

**weakly**,



**coolly**, **newly**, **somewhat** **chickly**.





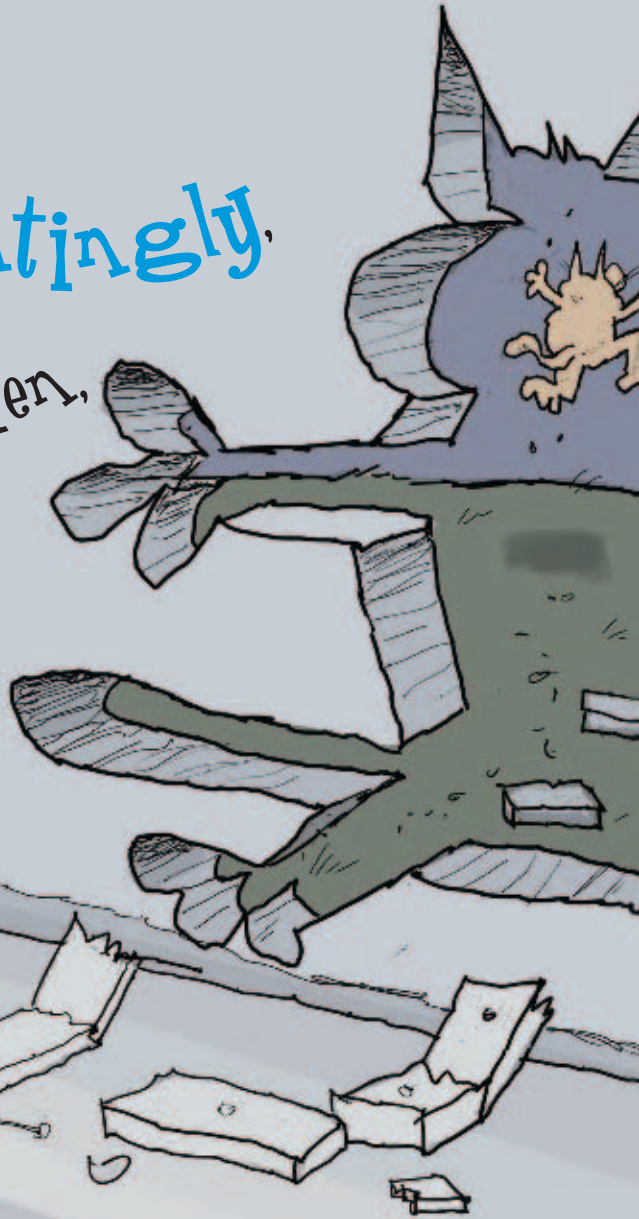


Terribly, tauntingly,  
hauntingly spoken,

frantically,

forcibly,

physically broken.



Sometimes adverbs  
come in phrases,



like, *for a while*,  
she built these mazes.

In the meantime,  
he got  
lost.

Here and  
there,

you'll find  
some frost.





But What about words like  
*today* and *tomorrow*,

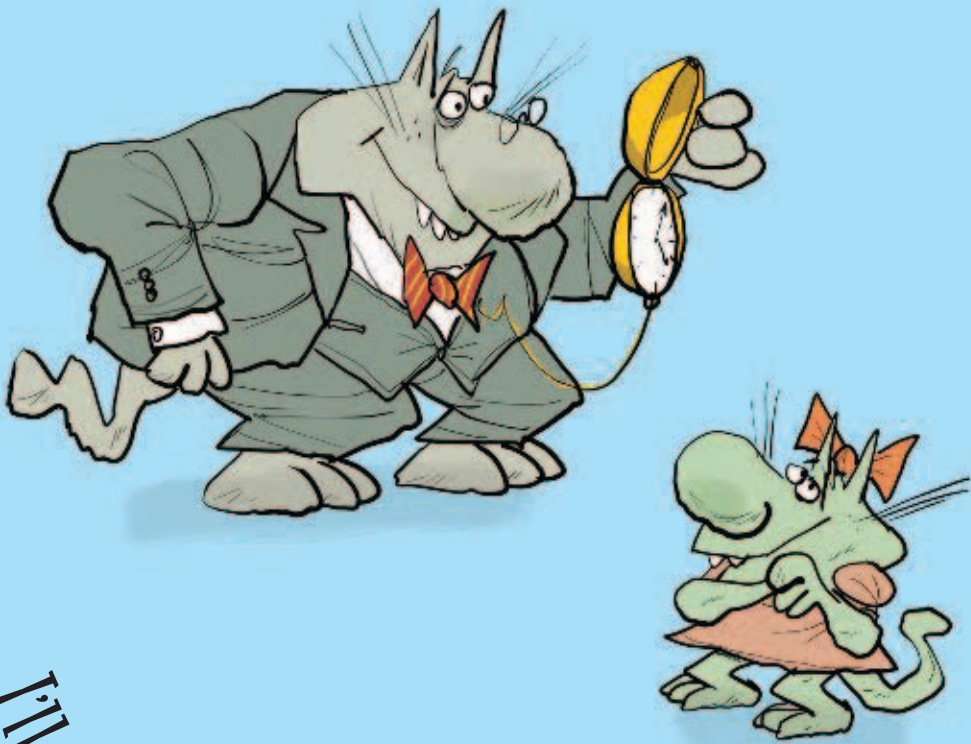
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*recently*, *soon*, or *tonight*?



If you said these terms  
are all **adverbs** of time,



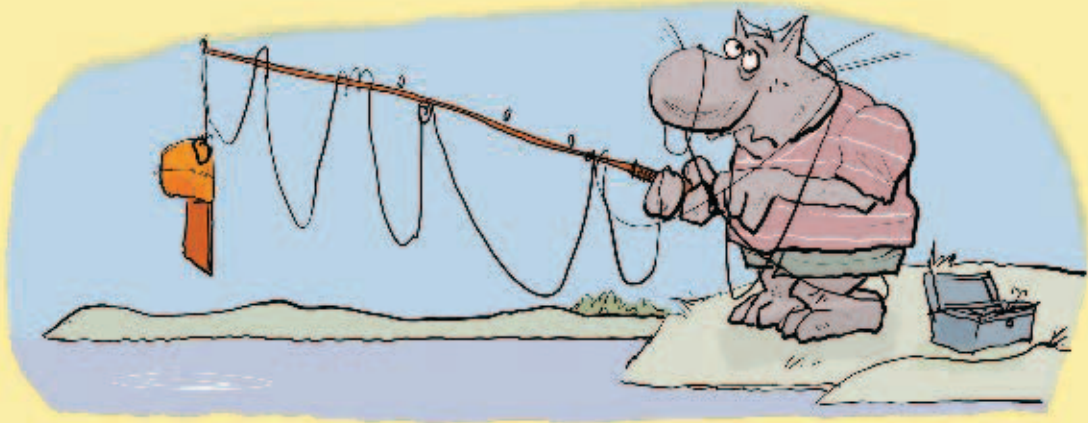
I'll tell you **right now** that you're right!

If we had no adverbs,  
then we couldn't say  
that this was done **neatly**

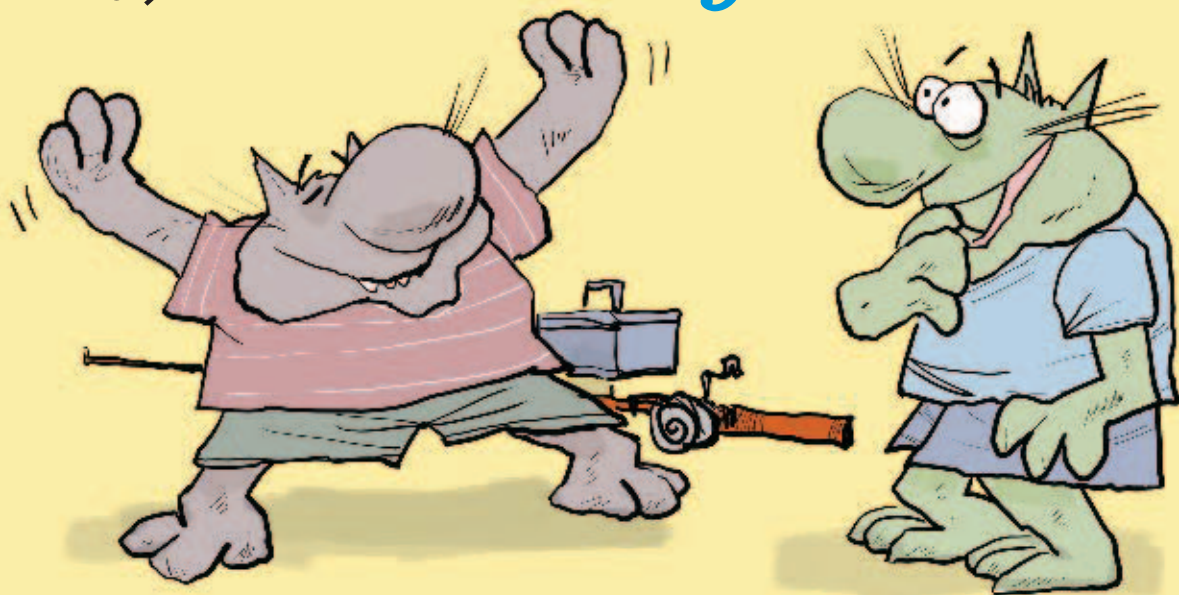


or **sweetly**.





We couldn't say loosely  
or rather obtusely.



We'd describe things  
a bit less completely.

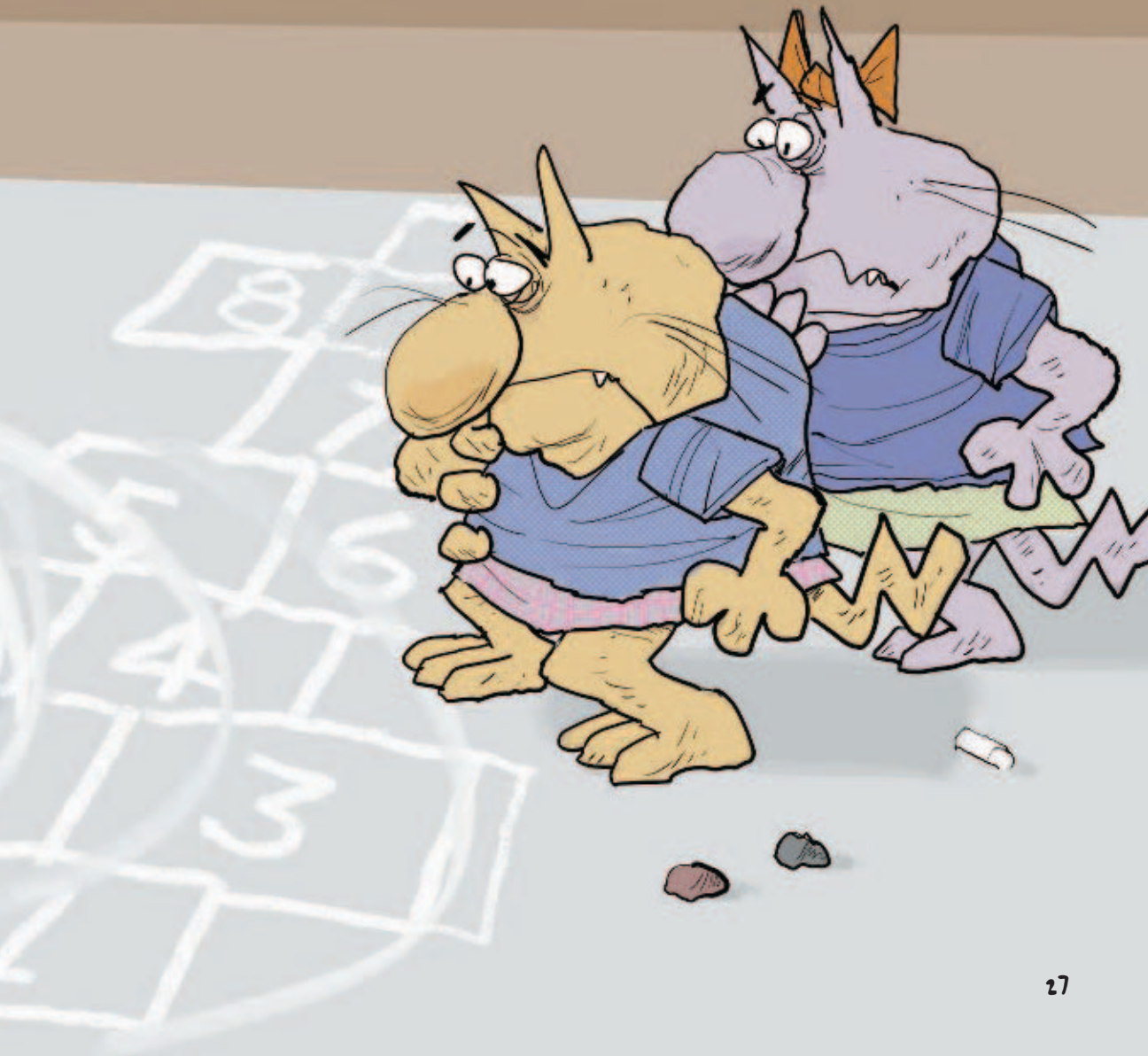


We couldn't say Natalie,  
acting quite brattily,



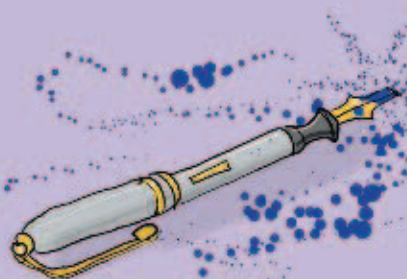
cattily called me a name.

We couldn't say, *chattily, nastily,*  
Natalie *rottenly* ruined our game.

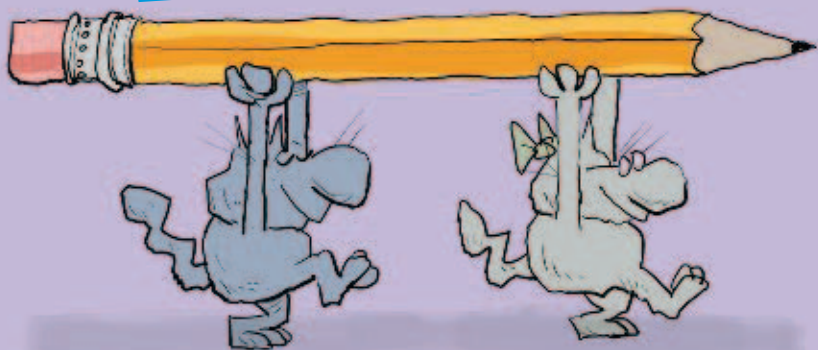


So write all the **adverbs** you  
know on a page.

Write **sloppily**,



**HUGELY**,



or **tinyly**.







Boastfully, blissfully,  
make out a list for me.  
You've learned what an  
adverb is—**finally!**

So, what is an adverb?

Do you know?









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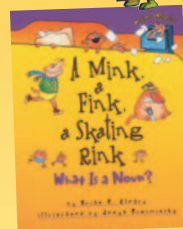
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