

NATIONAL ADVERB DAY

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Characters: Punky, Meg, Hank

Punky: OK. Any ideas for a slogan for National Adverb Day? We need one for our website.

Meg: Who cares.

Punky: That's not a good slogan, Meg.

Hank: What's an adverb?

Punky: Adverbs are words that can do a lot of things. They often end in -ly. Like “quickly.” Like “cleverly.”

Hank: Like “Sally.”

Meg: Sally?

Hank: Sally ends in -ly, right?

Punky: Yes, well . . . Not every word that ends in -ly is an adverb. But most -ly words are adverbs and they can describe a verb.

Hank: Uh. What's a verb?

Punky: Well, most verbs are actions. That means you can act them out. Like *walk, talk, jump* . . . You can add the word “to” to action verbs and it fits: *to walk, to talk, to jump*.

Hank: Is “clumsy” a verb? I act clumsy sometimes. That's why I have so many lumps on my head.

Punky: Remember, you can add the word “to” to an action verb, Hank. *To walk, to talk, to jump* . . . “To clumsy?” Does that sound right?

Hank: Sure. I am too clumsy.

Meg: OK, I'm going to go outside and bang my head on a tree.

Punky: Hank, that's a different “too.” “T-O-O.” Let's try making an adverb, Hank. Give me an idea that's an action.

Hank: I walked.

Punky: Now add “-ly” to make an adverb.

Hank: I walk clumsily.

Punky: You got it! That's it. You just used an adverb!

Hank: Yay! I just used an adverb correct.

Punky: *Correctly*. You just used an adverb correctly.

Hank: Yay! I used an adverb correctly. Yay. I rule. I'm great. I'm correctly.

Meg: Oh, well, we tried.

Hank: I speak correctly?

Punky: That's it! You used an adverb with an action. You got it!