

## Noun or Adverb?

**14e.** An **adverb** modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

Some words may be used as nouns or as adverbs.

**EXAMPLES** Raz and Donna are studying **tonight** with Shari and Jim. [adverb telling *when*]  
**Tonight** is their last chance to review their notes. [noun, subject of sentence]  
 Yuri gave Rosita a ride **home** from the party. [adverb telling *where*]  
 He found her street and her **home** with no problem. [noun, object of verb]

**EXERCISE A** In the sentences below, determine whether the underlined words are used as nouns or adverbs. Above each, write *N* if it is a noun and *A* if it is an adverb.

**Example 1.** Fran decided that she would go to the library today. <sup>A</sup>

- Yesterday, I chose my books carefully for my reports about events between 1890 and 1920.
- Yesterday was the first time I had ever seen book reviews on the school's Intranet.
- Trudy chose her book quickly, so she could go home to begin her book report.
- Will we ever be able to access books entirely with computers at home?
- He liked only one of the reviews he read tonight.
- Tonight is the night I will read those book reviews.
- Tomorrow, Cecile will read the review that rates a book three stars.
- Tomorrow will be the day they update the intranet book reviews.
- Please run forward until I say "stop."
- The forward on the team scored twice.

**EXERCISE B** In the space above each sentence below, add at least one adverb. Use a caret (^) to mark where the adverbs are inserted.

**Example 1.** I would <sup>certainly</sup> like to know why a cat would <sup>ever</sup> chase a squirrel.

- The caravan arrived at the oasis, and everyone helped to set up camp.
- Sailboats filled the harbor as people crowded into the town for the celebration.
- Is this the best day for the soccer playoffs, or will another day be better?
- When the dog needs to have a bath or to have its nails clipped, I take it to a groomer.
- "Mechanics Want You to Know . . ." was the name of the seminar that Mom attended.