

# ly/LY Techniques

AKA: Adverbs

#1 and #5 on the **Techniques Page** are actually the same technique only different colors depending on where you put them. They are called **ly-adverbs**.

An adverb is a word that shows HOW something happens, and most adverbs end in ly, thus, we call them ly-adverbs to make them easy to remember.

To help you think of ly words that you might use in a story, refer to the list of **LY Adverbs** in your writing notebook. There are thousands of ly-adverbs and other adverbs in the world, but this handout will get you started.

#1 is called an INNER **ly-adverb**.



**For example,**

*Snickers **blissfully** drooled all over my keyboard.*

Snickers is one of my cats. This sentence has the ly-adverb **blissfully** in it. **Blissfully** tells HOW she drooled – and she did because she was purring as she lay on my arms as I typed, and she always drools when she purrs!

As you can see, I highlighted the word **blissfully** yellow in my sentence.

That is what I want you to do. When you add an impressive ly-adverb INSIDE a sentence, **highlight it yellow**.

Technique #5 is an OUTER technique called the LY-ADVERB STARTER (or LY Starter for short). It is the same as an inner yellow ly-adverb, only you highlight it **orange (MAC users)** or **dark yellow (MSWord users)** when you use it as the **FIRST WORD of a sentence**.

**For example,**

***Frantically**, I grabbed a towel to wipe off my computer before the drool soaked into the keyboard.*

**Frantically** tells HOW I grabbed the towel. It's the first word of the sentence, so I highlighted it orange.

**Note:** when you add an ly/LY word make sure you are thinking **HOW** the subject is **DOING** something, not what the subject is like.

**For example,**

*The cat **madly** hid under the couch after the dog chased her.*

**Madly** is not the best choice for this sentence. The cat is probably mad, but is that **HOW** she hid under the couch?



**Hastily, perpetually, securely, safely, frantically**... are all better choices as to **HOW** she hid under the couch.

When you write your stories and essays, practice INNER and OUTER lys wherever you can.

In a separate document, practice 5 INNER lys and 5 OUTER LYs with the **10 Boring Subject Starter Sentences (10BSSS)**. Attach the document to your email and send it to Ms. B.

**WARNING!**  
Watch out for IMPOSTORS! See the IMPOSTORS handout in your writing notebook. Impostors are words that have ly at the end of their spellings. They LOOK like ly adverbs, but they are NOT ly adverbs. Lots of impostors are adjectives, some are verbs, and some are nouns. Be careful! Don't get fooled and highlight an impostor as an adverb. Double check the IMPOSTOR list frequently.

### Other handouts that go with this handout:

GGUG  
LY Adverbs list (LYL)  
LY IMPOSTORS list (IMP)  
Banned Word List (BWL)



### NOTE: Handout Quizzes

Sometimes students struggle with a technique because they don't take the time to thoroughly read the handout that explains the technique. To help students do better and move faster through these Technique Lessons, I have devised a quiz for each handout.

If a student sends a Technique Lesson with numerous errors in it, I suspect s/he needs to reread the Technique Handout. In those cases, I may send the Handout Quiz. When the student achieves 100% on the Handout Quiz and successfully revises his/her sentences, we will move on to the next technique lesson.

**ON THE OTHER HAND:** Some students take the time to read the handouts well and sail through the lessons with little effort. If after one or two technique lessons (there are 11 total), you are committed to reading the handouts and are finding the sentences easy to work with, let me know. I can send more than one lesson at a time at your or your parent's request so that you can move through this second stage of your lessons faster.

For more information about the 3 Stages of your lessons, see the "How do these Online Courses work, anyway?" post on Ms.B's Blog -

<http://writingfoundations.wordpress.com/2010/02/26/how-do-these-online-courses-work-anyway/>