

Worksheet 1

Three Wishes

Effective Adverbs

An **adverb** is a word that adds information about a verb, adjective or another adverb. Most adverbs end in 'ly' and when used effectively can greatly enhance descriptions and actions in all kinds of texts.

Task 1: Select adverbs from the boxes below to insert into the sentences from the story *Three Wishes*.

<i>curiously</i>	<i>silently</i>	<i>dubiously</i>	<i>sharply</i>	<i>nervously</i>
<i>scarcely</i>	<i>eagerly</i>	<i>amiably</i>	<i>off-handedly</i>	<i>carelessly</i>
<i>placidly</i>	<i>loudly</i>	<i>furtively</i>	<i>brightly</i>	<i>contentedly</i>

- Outside, the night was cold and wet, but inside the small parlour the blinds were drawn and the fire burned _____.
- Mother was knitting _____ by the fire.
- Mr White looked up _____, just in time to intercept a knowing glance between mother and son.
- "There he is," said Herbert White, as the gate banged _____ and heavy footsteps came towards the door.
- The old man rose, and opening the door, was heard talking _____ with their visitor.
- The sergeant-major shook hands, and taking the seat by the fire, watched _____ while his host got out drinks.
- "Well, it's just a bit of what you might call magic," said the sergeant-major _____.
- His three listeners leaned forward _____.
- Mrs. White drew back with a grimace, but her son, taking it, examined it _____.
- Mr. White took the paw from his pocket and eyed it _____.
- The dirty, shrivelled little paw was lying _____ on the sideboard.
- He gazed at her _____, and listened in a preoccupied fashion as the old lady apologised for the appearance of the room.
- The man coughed _____, and rising, walked slowly to the window.
- Neither spoke, but both lay _____ listening to the tick of the clock.
- At that moment a knock, so quiet and stealthy as to be _____ audible, sounded at the front door.

Task 2: Locate the meanings of each adverb in the boxes above using a dictionary.

Extension Activity:

- Scan *Three Wishes* and make a list of all the adverbs used to describe how the characters are speaking e.g. *soothingly*. Keep this list handy when you are using direct speech in the texts you write.