

ADVERBS

An adverb, as in English, can modify a verb telling how, when, where, how often you did something. In English, we typically look for the ending “ly” to identify an adverb:

I walked *slowly*

He jumped *suddenly*

In Arabic, the ending **اً** has basically the same function. You can put it on an adjective or noun to make it an adverb:

يوم (day) → يومياً (daily)

صباح (morning) → صباحاً (morningly, i.e. “in the morning”)¹

two of the most important are:

مبكراً → early

متأخراً → late

Additional useful adverbs include:

أيضاً - also

دائماً - always

كثيراً - a lot, much

قليلاً - a little

جداً - very

¹ Don't get hung up on the fact that some of these words don't exist in English. “Morningly” makes as much sense as “daily” or “nightly” even though we don't use it.

never – أبداً
usually - عادةً
sometimes - أحياناً

Some other familiar words are actually adverbs in Arabic, although their English equivalents are not:

thank you - شكراً
excuse me, you're welcome - عفواً
hello - مرحباً
tomorrow - غداً