

# CHAPTER 3 *The Parts of Speech*

## **The Adverb**

An **adverb** is a word used to modify a verb, an adjective, or another adverb.

**EXERCISE** Underline the adverb in each of the following sentences. Draw an arrow from the adverb to the word it modifies.

**EXAMPLE:** All the competitors trained hard.

1. From an extremely early age Nadia Comaneci was a good athlete.
  2. Nadia always beat her friends at running and jumping.
  3. In kindergarten she especially enjoyed gymnastics.
  4. In Romania sports are a particularly important part of a child's education.
  5. Nadia was soon destined for the Olympic Games.
  6. Marta and Bela Karoly trained Nadia for a minimum of four hours daily.
  7. In her spare time Nadia greatly enjoyed collecting dolls.
  8. She had one special Eskimo doll that she routinely carried with her to tournaments.
  9. Sometimes she played soccer with a boys' team.
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10. At the age of seven, Nadia entered her very first gymnastics meet.
  11. From the age of eleven, Nadia regularly won championships.
  12. In 1976 she was a very young contestant in the Montreal Olympics.
  13. She was unusually quiet at the airport when she said goodbye to her parents.
  14. In Montreal she seemed her usual self again.
  15. She whirled effortlessly on the uneven bars.
  16. On the dangerous balance beam, she leaped high in the air and turned a cartwheel.
  17. Nadia easily achieved a perfect score.
  18. No gymnast in history had done that before.
  19. The crowd cheered wildly with excitement.
  20. Finally, on the third night, Nadia was awarded her gold medal.